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## PEACE CONFERENCE AT NANKING.

### NORTH & SOUTH FRATERNISE.

### NORTHERN LEADERS ALSO CONFERRING.

### FENG YU-HSIANG SEEKS AID FROM CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

### THE DEFENCE OF TIENTSIN.

First definite news of a conference between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and representatives of the Northern forces is to hand to-day from Nanking, it being reported that the Southern General entertained emissaries of the Kuomintang at Ting's Garden.

In this connexion also, Marshal Chang Tso-lin has called a conference of the Northern military leaders, including Marshals Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuan-fang. Regarding General Yen Hsi-shan, it is stated that, while he believes in the Sun Yat-sen principles and sympathises with the Nationalist cause, he is still co-operating with the Fengtien forces.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has applied to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek for assistance in the provision of arms and money for the purpose of launching a further attack against the Shantung army.

There is conflicting news regarding fighting in the North, for while most reports lack mention of any fighting, a later message from Chinese sources states that there has been heavy fighting on the Grand Canal.

Preparations continue for the defence of Tientsin, much foreign military activity having taken place during the past three days, including the unloading of artillery caterpillar tractors and tanks by the American Marine contingent. The British G.O.C. of the Shanghai Defence Force (Major General John Duncan) and his Chief of Staff have left for Peking.

### ANTI-BRITISH WAVE AT NINGPO.

Nanking, June 9. For the past three days the Bund at Tientsin has been the scene of much military activity in the unloading of lighters laden with American marines. Large crowds, Chinese and foreign, were on the Bund yesterday watching the unloading of artillery, caterpillar tractors and tanks. The completeness of the American force formed the subject of general comment.—*Reuter*.

#### ANTI-RED ALLIANCE.

Conference of Northern Leaders. Shanghai June 9. Information obtained from the Fengtien Headquarters indicated that definite news with regard to the proposed anti-Red Alliance between Chang Tso-lin, Chiang Kai-shek and Yen Hsi-shan will be available within the next few days. A Fengtien spokesman stated that General Yen Hsi-shan, though favouring the adoption of the Sun Yat-sen principles and sympathizing with the Nationalists, is co-operating with the Fengtien forces.

It is further stated that Chiang Kai-shek is an old school mate of General Yang Yu-ling, the Fengtien chief of staff, and that therefore little will be allowed to stand in the way of an amicable settlement.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin has called a general conference of Northern military leaders to deal with the questions at issue, and Marshals Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuan-fang have also been invited.

#### FENG YU-HSIANG'S MOVE.

In Negotiation With Chiang Kai-shek.

Nanking, June 9. General Feng Yu-hsiang has reported to Chiang Kai-shek, the Nanking Generalissimo that his army has captured Chengchow, and asked that the Nanking army should immediately start a general attack on Shantung.

General Feng has also asked Nanking to supply him with arms and money.

General Tien Wei-chun, a chief subordinate of Wu Pei-fu, has been arrested in Chengchow and is detained in Feng's field headquarters.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

#### TIENTSIN PREPAREDNESS.

Complete American Force Tientsin, June 9. Major-General John Duncan, accompanied by Viscount Gort, V.C., left for Peking yesterday afternoon.

#### YANGTZE QUIET.

Improving Conditions.

Nanking, June 8.

Conditions are improving and foreigners are able to move about without interference. There is nothing to report.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### Wuhu Situation.

Wuhu, June 8.

The situation is easier and there is nothing to report.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### AGITATION AT NINGPO.

Boycott of British Goods.

Ningpo, June 8.

The effect of the persistence of Nationalist agitators is now showing itself in an intensification of the boycott of British goods. Anti-British feeling has developed considerably and the situation is regarded as serious. Up to the present there has been little hostility to individuals, but the small community is prepared for evacuation in case of trouble.—*Naval Wireless*.

[Ningpo is an important centre in the Shanghai region, and at the time of the trouble in Shanghai, large numbers of Chinese went to Ningpo from the native city at Shanghai.]

#### SHANTUNG OFFENSIVE.

Resumption of Fighting Reported.

Shanghai June 9.

Nanking Army Headquarters has issued a communique to the effect that the Nationalist 10th Army is advancing from Hanchuang to attack Lincheng and severe fighting is now taking place across the Grand Canal.

Marshal Chang Tsung-chang is said to have come down to Tientsin to consult Marshal Sun Chuan-fang on the defence of Shantung, and it is understood that Marshal Chang asked the commander of Marshal Sun's forces which recently retreated into Shantung, to defend the eastern section of the Kiaochow-Tsinan railway.

Nanking reports state that the through passenger train from Pukow to Hsuechow will be put on the run again within the present week.

General Wang Tien-pei has appointed General Kau Kuon-wu as Garrison Commander of Hsuechow.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

#### MISSION TO CHENGCHOW.

Hankow Wants Feng.

Hankow, June 8.

Hsu Chien, the Minister of Justice, accompanied by Mrs. Frohne Anna Louise Strong left for Chengchow on the 6th instant on a mission to persuade Feng Yu-hsiang definitely to declare his adherence to the Hankow Government, for it is well known that Feng is jointly generalissimo of the Hankow armies and a member of the political council of Nanking.

It is unlikely that any results of the mission will be published until Borodin arrives in Chengchow whether he is going shortly. Borodin is at present suffering from a broken wrist as a result of a riding accident.—*Reuter*.

#### JAPANESE TROOPS.

General Boycott Urged.

Shanghai, June 8.

The Central Kuomintang Headquarters has decided to instruct the Kuomintang branches in different parts of the country to effect a nation-wide movement to protest against the despatch of Japanese troops to North China. The Kuomintang Headquarters suggested that mass meetings and demonstrative parades for this purpose should be held in the different places and a boycott movement against Japanese goods should be started. Anti-Japanese demonstrations will be held in Nanking and Shanghai.

#### ANTI-RED FORCES.

More Kwangsi Troops Reach Canton.

Canton, June 8.

Three thousand additional Kwangsi troops have arrived at Canton to join the anti-Red Northern expedition.

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## ARMS SENSATION IN SHANGHAI.

### DRAMATIC ARREST OF THREE FOREIGNERS.

### TWO AMERICANS INVOLVED.

Shanghai, June 9. An American lawyer, W. Worthington, another American named Samuel Chaiet, and an Italian named Jovino were arrested yesterday afternoon by the police in the International Settlement for alleged dealing in arms.

It is reported that the accused men entered into negotiations with a Chinese "General", who was really a detective, about a month ago for the sale of a quantity of arms and ammunition. The negotiations progressed until yesterday afternoon when, it is alleged, it was arranged that the prisoners should visit the "General's" house for the purpose of consummating the deal.

Two foreign detectives witnessed the whole proceedings through a knothole in a wooden partition. The accused produced two Mausers and a thousand rounds of ammunition, after which they were arrested and handed over to their respective Consulates.—*Reuter*.

### NAVAL LIMITATION.

#### LIST OF BRITAIN'S REPRESENTATIVES.

London, June 8. The delegates of the Governments of Britain, the Dominions and India to the Naval Disarmament Conference, summoned to meet at Geneva on June 20th will be:—

Britain.—The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, Viscount Cecil and Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field (Deputy Chief of Naval Staff).

Canada.—The Minister of Justice, Mr. E. Lapointe.

Australia.—The High Commissioner, Sir Joseph Cook.

New Zealand.—The High Commissioner, Sir James Parr, and Admiral Earl Jellicoe.

South Africa.—The High Commissioner, Mr. J. S. Smit, and the Trade Commissioner in Europe, Mr. C. J. Pienaar.

Irish Free State.—The Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, and Attorney General, Mr. John A. Costello.—*British Wireless*.

### MILITARY TRAP.

#### COUPLE ARRESTED FOR KEEPING ILLEGAL HOUSE.

Working in conjunction with the Military authorities, the Police carried out a raid on a house in Canton Road on Tuesday last and arrested a young Chinese married couple who were charged, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with the offence of keeping an illegal house and the husband on a charge of selling intoxicating liquor without a license.

In view of the numerous complaints being received by the Police from the Military authorities, of soldiers being sold intoxicating drinks, the Police arranged a trap on Tuesday and sent four Lance-Corporals from the K.O.S.B.s to No. 130, Canton Road.

In evidence, Sub-Inspector Chevallier said that he conducted the raid in conjunction with Capt. Baly, D.A.P.M., with whom were Lance-Corporals Cotton, Dunn, Vincent and MacQueen.

Continuing, witness said that the spy system of the house was carried out on an elaborate scale. Several coolies were employed to patrol the streets, and give the alarm by means of ringing a bell on the approach of the Police.

One of the women who was taken to the Station, stated to the Police that the first defendant was the principal tenant and, although the latter denied that she was conversant with the Cantonese language, she cursed the woman in the local dialect for making the statement.

Both defendants were convicted, the woman being fined \$100 or two months imprisonment in default, and the husband, \$200 or three months' hard labour.

## HANKOW JUSTICE.

### FLIGHT OF RUSSIAN PRISONER.

### A PRESENT-DAY TRAVESTY.

A member of the Hankow Committee of Foreign Chambers of Commerce said at a recent meeting that he wished to bring the following facts to the attention of the meeting and to have them duly recorded in the minutes. A Russian named Lebedeff, believed to have been a General in the White Russian army, had been confined in the police station of the Special Administration District No. 3 for a period of about three months. This man was arrested in the dead of night at the residence of an old Russian resident and taken to the police station where he had since been held prisoner in close confinement. No charge had been preferred against him and he had not been tried. During the whole of the time he was incarcerated he was never given an opportunity of taking a bath and only during the last week was he allowed to walk in the station yard for 30 minutes daily for exercise. He was not beaten and was permitted to have food sent in to him.

At 4 a.m. on the 18th inst. he was removed from his cell in the gaol of the S. A. D. No. 3 police station and taken away to an unknown destination.

The speaker said he had no knowledge as to whether Lebedeff had committed any crime, political or otherwise, but the question of whether he had or not was beside the question. The factor of prime importance was that there was a man imprisoned and kept imprisoned for three months without trial. It is requested that the secretaries of all National Chambers will give all publicity possible to this glaring example of the sort of justice that is to be expected by foreigners not enjoying extra-territoriality.

### RE-HEARING GRANTED.

### MAN WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ made an application this morning before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest for a re-hearing of the case in which a Chinese was sentenced to two months' hard labour for unlawful possession of fishing nets.

The defendant was the man who, some time ago, made a sensational escape from police custody by slipping his handcuffs and jumping out of a moving bus in the vicinity of the University.

Mr. Russ explained that the defendant had three witnesses to call and they all lived in Cheung Chau. One of the witnesses would say that the fishing nets found in the possession of the defendant was his property, and that the defendant was his foki.

Mr. Forrest said that no good purpose could be served by re-opening the case. When the defendant was asked whether he had any witnesses to call he had intimated that he would call none. Later he stated that he bought the net from a man in Aberdeen and it was on the Magistrate's suggestion that he was taken out in police custody to search for the man. It was then that he made his sensational escape.

Mr. Russ explained that the escape could be put down to reasons other than guilty conscience. It might have been due to panic. The defendant's witnesses being now available he asked his Worship to grant a re-hearing.

Mr. Forrest then pointed out that perhaps the complainant may not be available as he has since received his fishing nets but Mr. Russ suggested that he could be subpoenaed.

A re-hearing was granted and will take place on Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

Bail was allowed defendant in \$200.

### PORTUGUESE YOUTHS SUMMONED.

### ALLEGED ASSAULT ON BUS CONDUCTOR.

Defended by Mr. J. M. Remedios, two Portuguese youths, J. M. Silva and H. Barretto, were summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning by a bus conductor of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company for assault on Kowloon Tong. The defendants were both remanded till next Monday.

## BOMB OUTRAGE IN LENINGRAD.

### 26 PERSONS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

### PERPETRATORS ESCAPE.

Moscow, June 8.

Two bombs were thrown in the Leningrad Business Club last night while a meeting of members of the debating section of the Communist Party was in progress.

The premises were wrecked and twenty-six persons seriously injured.

It appears that two strangers entered the hall one after the other without being observed, threw the bombs and then dashed out of the building, firing revolvers behind them as they ran. The men escaped.

Fire brigades were rushed to the scene of the explosion, and the building was surrounded by a cordon of troops.—*Reuter*.

### ATLANTIC FLIERS.

### HONOURED IN BERLIN.

Berlin, June 8.

Chamberlain and Charles Levine, the Atlantic fliers, accompanied by the American Ambassador, Mr. Schurman, were received by President Hindenburg, to-day.

In a brief speech, President Hindenburg expressed the hope that the flight was a good omen of further German-American rapprochement, and afterwards, he handed the airmen autographed portraits of himself in silver frames.

A large crowd which assembled outside, loudly cheered the airmen.—*Reuter*.

### RUSSIAN AIR FORCE.

### A "REPLY TO CHAMBERLAIN."

Moscow, June 8.

The Aviakhim Society has issued a manifesto to its members appealing to them to raise a fund to build aeroplanes. The manifesto is issued under the catchphrase: Our Reply to Chamberlain.—*Reuter*.

### CONDUIT ROAD COLLAPSE.

### VERY LITTLE PROGRESS MADE.

Enquiries made this morning with regard to the landslide of May 24th when Conduit Road and a road linking Conduit Road with Robinson Road were rendered impassable, reveal the fact that owing to the magnitude of the repair work very little headway has been made. So far part of the slide in the shape of loose earth and stones has been removed, but the almost continuous wet weather experienced since the slide has rendered progress extremely difficult.

This landslide, which was one of the most serious that has occurred locally, followed the collapse after a heavy storm, of a retaining wall built from the road below as part of the repairs following the wash-out of July last year. The slide rendered Conduit Road, which was about to be newly surfaced, impassable for a distance of about 130 feet, and caused damage amounting to many thousands of dollars.

The task confronting the P.W.D. with regard to this slide is a big one, and it will undoubtedly be many months before Conduit Road is again open to traffic.

### SEDITIONARY BOOKS.

### CHINESE SOLDIER ARRESTED.

Arrested on board the s.s. Liang-chow on Tuesday, Chang Tschong, a Chinese soldier, was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with having in his possession seditious books and posters. The defendant was remanded for one week for the documents to be examined.

## PEAK TRAMWAYS.

### EMERGENCY BRAKES EFFICIENT.

### MOUNT CAMERON SCHEME.

Reference was made to the former project of constructing a tramway line to Mount Cameron, at the annual meeting of the Peak Tramway Company held at the Hongkong Hotel this morning, when the Chairman said that without Government support such a line could not be made to pay, for many years, at any rate. It was understood that assistance would not be forthcoming and therefore the amount of \$3,000 expended on survey of Mount Cameron had been written off.

Reference was also made to the recent brake tests on the tramway, the chairman allaying fears which have been expressed by stating that when the emergency brakes were used the brake rail showed no signs of movement.

The Chairman, Mr. D. E. Clark was supported by Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. J. Paterson, Sir Robert To Tung (directors) and Mr. G. Rapp, (Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. F. W. Stapleton, W. Morley, J. D. Humphreys, and S. F. Chubb.

The Chairman said:—The profit for the year is \$36,024.67 or \$23,706.79 less than the preceding year. This decrease is due largely to increased expenses all round. With the installation of the new electric haulage machinery we found it necessary to engage an additional European engineer. Maintenance and repairs are also higher, it being necessary to write off the value of three ropes during the year. One of these was badly damaged during the emergency brake test and had to be taken off. Although it may be possible to use it again, with the damaged portion cut off, it has, in the meantime, been written down to scrap value.

### The New Plant.

The amount of \$3,000 for Mount Cameron survey has been written out of the books. We feel that without Government support in some shape or form, the projected line could not possibly be made to pay, at any rate for many years, and as we now understand that assistance will not be forthcoming the amount has been written off as a loss.

"Reserve for Renewal and Depreciation" appears in the balance sheet for the first time. Our auditors considered that it would be better to keep our assets in at cost price and set aside a sum annually for depreciation and renewals. The sum set aside this year is \$6,454.31. This represents depreciation for part of a year only. It is estimated that the amount that will have to be set aside for a full year will be in the neighbourhood of \$10,000.

On the credit side of profit and loss you will notice unclaimed dividends forfeited \$3,159.15. This is an accumulation of many years. Our new Articles give us power to forfeit unclaimed dividends outstanding for over 5 years.

### Brake Tests.

The new electrical haulage plant was installed early in June last year and after a few minor troubles at the commencement is now working satisfactorily.

The new and bigger cars were put into use early in March this year. We were unable to make full use of the increased seating accommodation at first owing to the emergency brakes failing to hold the car fully loaded at the test carried out by order of the Government. At the second test, after some adjustment had been made to the brakes, the car running at full speed with a full load was pulled up in between 7-3 feet. It has frequently been asserted by a section of the travelling public that if the emergency brake ever had to be used the centre brake rail would be torn up. It will probably allay the fears of that section to know that after the recent tests the brake rail showed no sign of movement whatsoever.

### The Increased Fares.

I trust you will approve of the proposed distribution of profits. Our paid-up capital being now increased to 5 lakhs, without any appreciable increase in revenue, we have found it necessary to propose that the dividend be reduced from 10 per cent. to 7 per cent.

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## INDIAN TEXTILES.

### DECISION HELD TO BE AN "INDIAN AFFAIR."

London, June 8.  
The Manchester correspondent of the Financial News says that much relief was felt on the Manchester Royal Exchange over the Indian Tariff Board report, together with the Government of India's decision as there seems to be no probability at present that the Indo-British fiscal arrangement will be materially altered.

Sir Edward Rhodes has pointed out that for many years Lancashire goods have not competed with those of the India manufacturers and is of the opinion that two years hence labour conditions and working hours in Japan will be distinctly improved and their advantage in that connexion will be reduced.

He criticises the management and organisation of the Bombay mills and indicates that Lancashire's hope is in increasing the consumption of fine goods in India.

He sums up Lancashire's attitude thus: "The decision of the Government of India can be regarded as entirely an Indian affair."

### British Competition Not Responsible.

The Financial News Calcutta correspondent says that while Bombay and Ahmadabad are naturally nursing a grievance against the Government of India's rejection of the cotton report, opinion here supports the official view that the cotton manufacturer cannot be added to those who look to the taxpayer to provide a portion of his income from bounties or to the purchaser to be molested by the increased price of cotton goods involved in the protective tariff.

It is pointed out that the depression is not due to British competition as Lancashire herself is suffering, and is only partly due to Japan's failure to ratify portions of the Geneva Convention, but is mainly due to inefficient labour, over capitalisation and unduly high dividends during the boom period.—*Reuter.*

## POLITICAL ALLIANCE.

### CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT TO JOIN LABOUR PARTY.

London, June 8.  
The Co-operative Congress at Cheltenham decided by a card vote of 1,960 against 1,843 in favour of political alliance with the Labour Party. Only six hundred, out of 1,300 societies affiliated to the Co-operative Union, were represented at the congress, and a proposal will be made to-morrow for a referendum of the societies.—*Reuter.*

### Referendum Fails.

Later.  
The attempt to take a referendum of all affiliated co-operative societies on the decision of the Co-operative Congress failed, the Congress to-day defeating the resolution to that effect.—*Reuter.*

## COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

### DELEGATES BANQUETED AT ROYAL PALACE.

Hague, June 8.  
The delegates of the International Colonial Institute were entertained to luncheon by Jonkheer Van Karnebeck, and a banquet in the evening by the Prince Consort in the Royal Palace, in the splendid India Hall, which was a wedding gift by the Dutch colonies to Queen Wilhelmina, after which they went to a Cinema show at which were depicted scenes of colonial life.—*Reuter.*

## BIRD MIGRATION.

### WHERE DUCKS AND-GEESSE GO IN SPRING.

Fairbanks, Ala., June 8.  
"Where do ducks and geese go in springtime when they fly toward the Pole from Point Barrow?" is a question which remains to be answered.

Baffled by an Arctic fox, Captain George Wilkins has returned, having abandoned one of his aeroplanes in the frozen wastes of the north coast of Alaska.

Wilkins and his pilot, Graham, flew to Etah, Greenland, on May 28, thence to the fuel stores dump at Point Barrow to try to solve the mystery of the birds' annual migration to the far north and to determine whether the fabled Atlantic continent exists where no man is known to have been, but like last year's expedition has now been abandoned because the dense fogs veiled the ice formations below as the aviators flew over a world impenetrably white.—*Reuter.*

## CHAMBERLIN'S FLIGHT.

### LONGEST TELEPHONE CALL.

Denison Iowa, June 8.  
The airman Chamberlin made the longest distance telephone call yet made, calling up his mother from Berlin, whence it was transmitted via Holland to London and then relayed across half of the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### Designer's Views.

New York, June 8.  
Bellanca, the designer of the Columbia, declared that if Chamberlin had had a competent navigator, he would have reached Berlin. Bellanca calculated that the Columbia lost 1,100 miles as the result of straying from its course, and from head winds.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### Fund for Lost Aviators.

New York, June 8.  
Mr. Gerard former Ambassador to Germany, has accepted the presidency of a committee formed to raise a fund of G.\$150,000 for the mothers of the aviators Nungesser and Coli.—*Reuter.*

### Honours for Lindburgh.

Washington, June 8.  
In addition to the Langley medal, Lindbergh will receive the rarely bestowed Hubbard medal, the highest award of the National Geographical Society.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### Valuable Souvenirs.

New York, June 8.  
It is understood that the United States Government is investigating the action of the Hempstead (New York) postmaster who "to be accommodating," as he explains it, cancelled the postage stamps on 250 letters to Germany carried by Mr. Levine aboard the Columbia.

The investigation is being carried out because Mr. Levine was not authorised to carry mails.

Stamp Collectors believe these cancelled stamps as souvenirs are worth \$50 each.—*Reuter.*

## MISSOURI FLOODS.

### LOWLANDS AGAIN BEING INUNDATED.

New Orleans, June 8.  
A new exodus has begun from certain districts in Missouri, Illinois, as fresh flood waters are pouring in to the lowlands, where the recent great inundation had subsided. Newly planted crops are being destroyed. Red Cross relief workers are preparing to assist the families of those driven from their homes a second time this year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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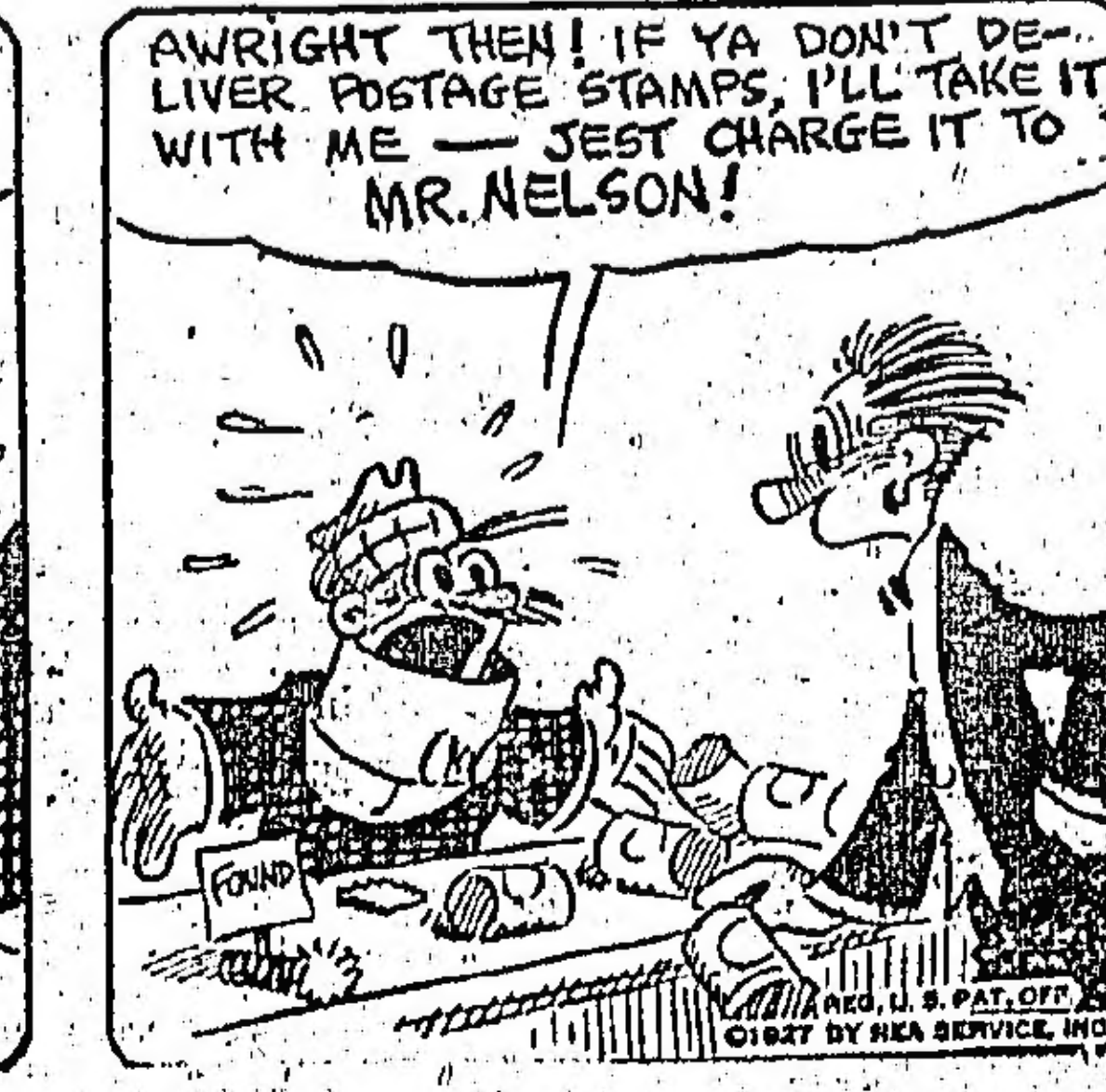
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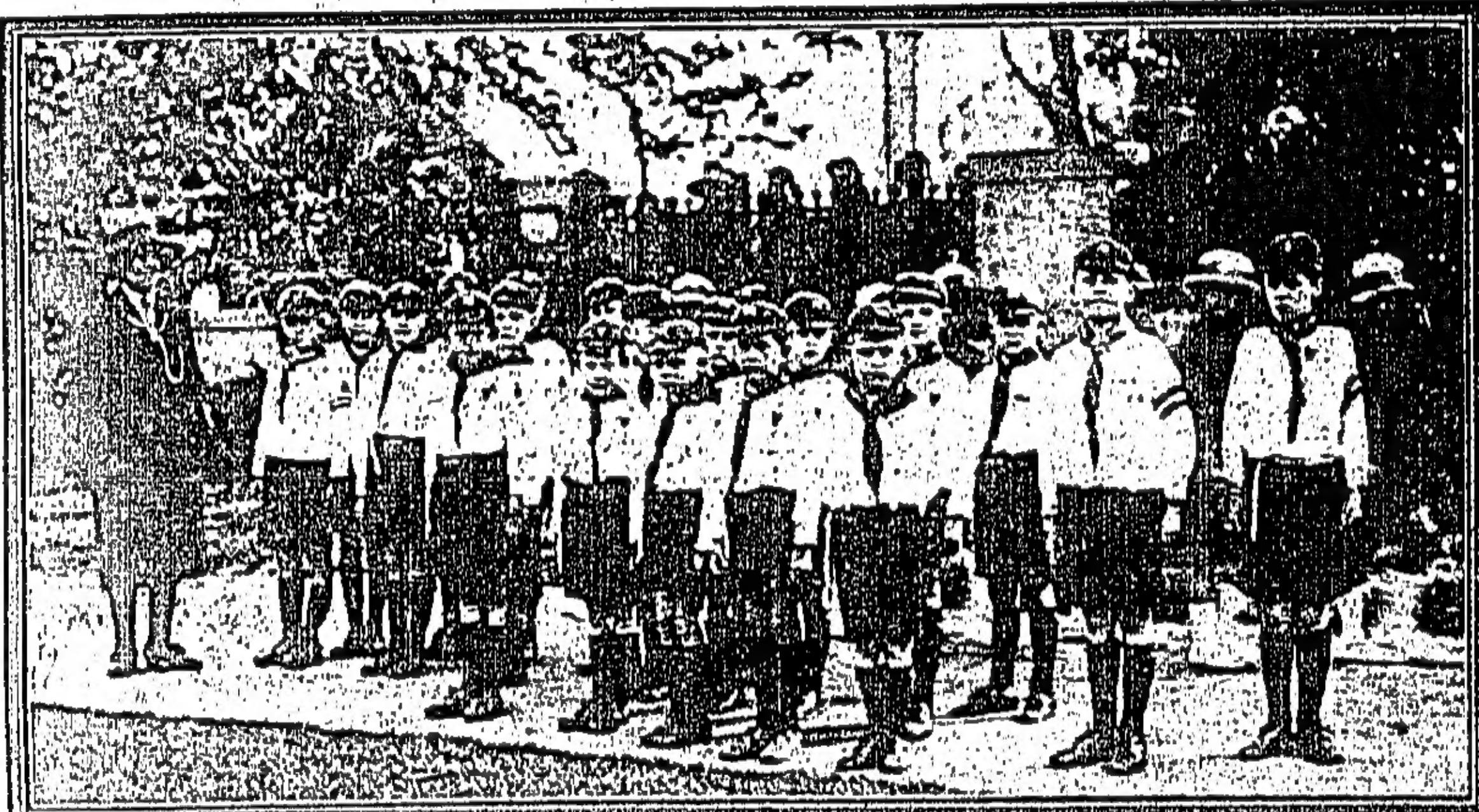




EMPIRE DAY AT SHANGHAI.—Judge Peter Grain (on right of the pillar), Sir Miles Lampson, Miss Esme Barton, Lady Barton, and other well-known Shanghai residents, snapped in the porch of Holy Trinity Cathedral on Empire Day.



AT THE BRITISH CONSULATE.—Some of those who turned out on Empire Day (morning) to watch the Boy Scouts, Wolf Cubs, Girl Guides, Brownies and Sea Rovers salute the Union Jack at the British Consulate-General.



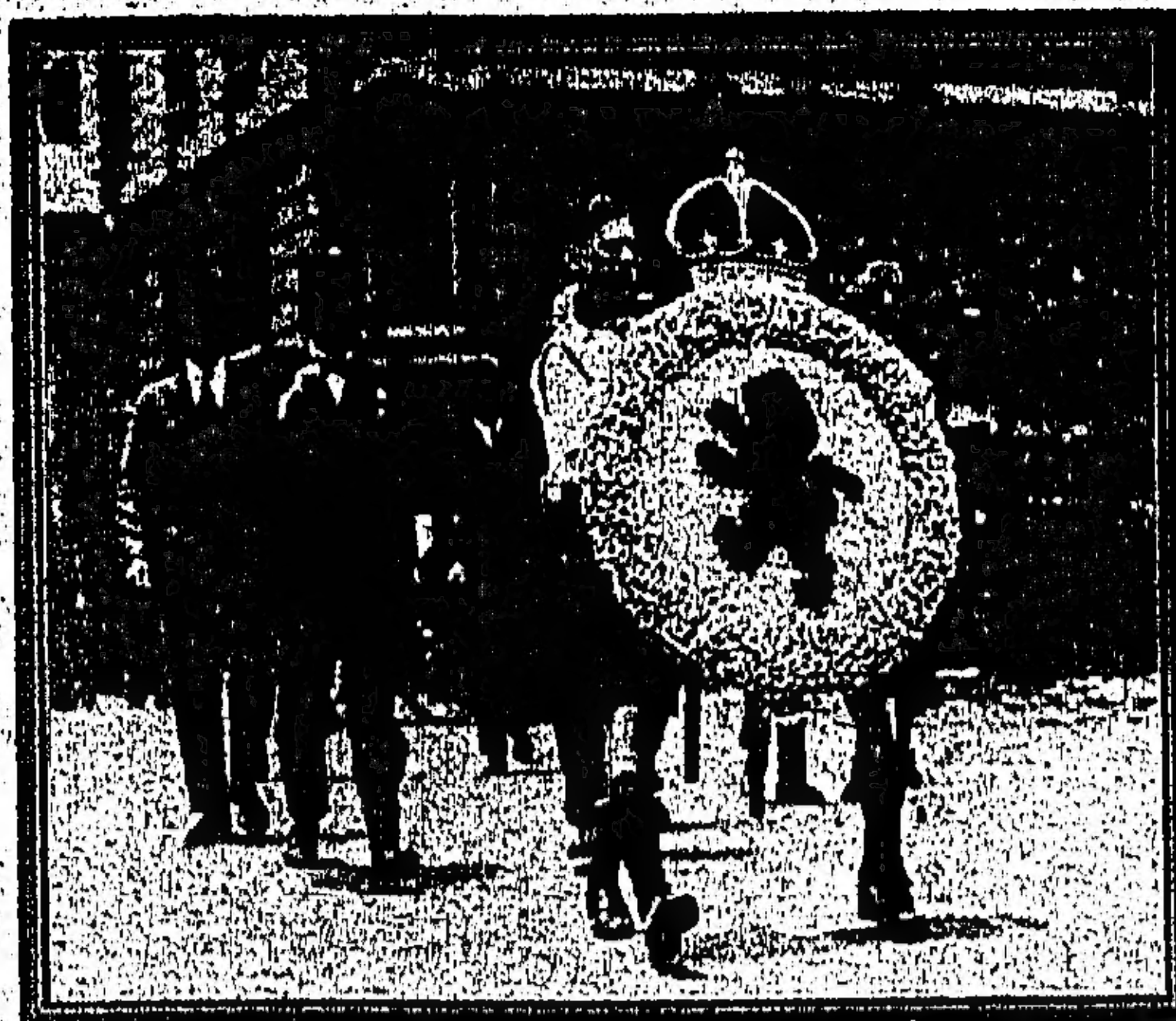
PACK OF LOYAL CUBS.—Wolf Cubs from the Cathedral School for Boys, lined up at the British Consulate-General on Empire Day preparatory to marching to the parade ground for the ceremonial flag-raising, at Shanghai.



EMPIRE DAY SERVICE.—A group outside Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, where a special service was held on Empire Day, which was attended by a large body of military and naval units. The Right Rev. H. J. Molony, D. D., Bishop in Mid-China, preached the sermon.



IN HONOUR OF DANISH MINISTER.—Members of the Danish community entertained His Excellency Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish Minister to China and Japan, at dinner at the Majestic Hotel on their arrival in Shanghai.



SHANGHAI CLUB'S TRIBUTE.—The floral shield worked in the Shanghai Club's device, which was placed on the Shanghai War Memorial on Empire Day.



"CATCH 'EM YOUNG."—The latest recruit to the Fourth Regiment, 24th Company, of U. S. Marines, who has stepped into a sergeant's post at once, Master Billy Schlobohm, with Sgt. Buchanan of the 4th, at Shanghai.



CHINESE WEDDING.—Mr. Hua-chao Wong, the youngest son of the Hon. F. H. Wong Sing-san, formerly Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Hangchow, and Miss Sing Woo, who were recently married at the Y. P. S. Hotel, Shanghai. The couple will soon leave for the U. S.



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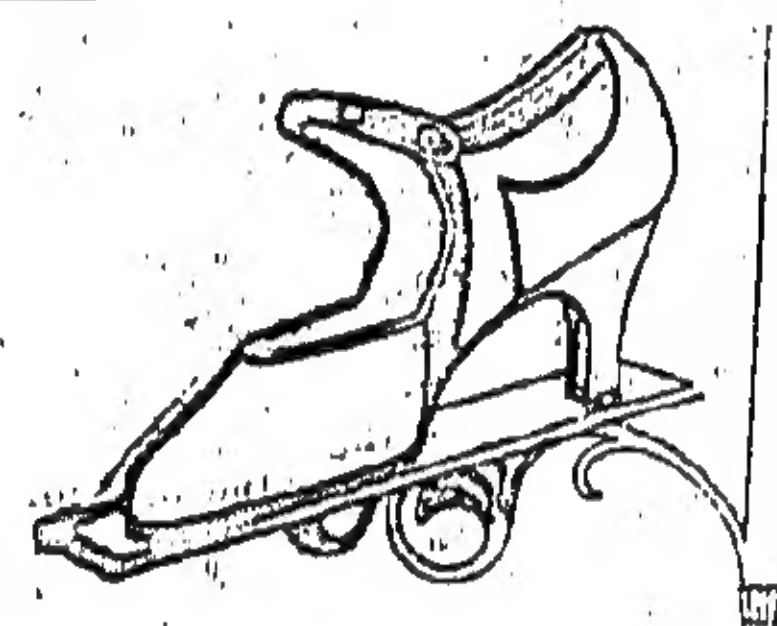
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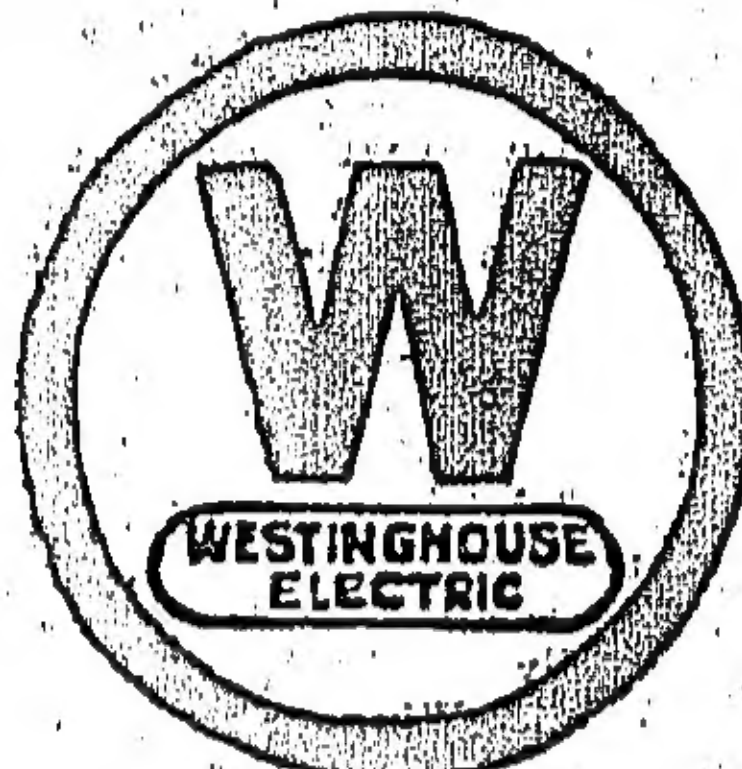
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**IMPERSONATION.**

UNEMPLOYED CHINESE  
POSES AS POLICEMAN.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yes-  
terday an unemployed Chinese  
was charged with impersonating a  
Police constable and attempting to  
obtain \$60 by false pretences.

This man was alleged to have  
presented himself as a police con-  
stable to the occupier of a house  
in Ma Tau, Chong and said that  
he would arrange, on payment of  
\$60 to have the roof of the house  
repaired.

Later, the woman's suspicions  
were aroused and on a report being  
made to the Police, the defendant's  
arrest was effected.

On conviction, his Worship im-  
posed sentence of four months' hard  
labour on the charge of false  
pretences and a further two  
months with the option of a fine  
of \$200 on the other count.

**WARSAW AFFAIR.**

COMPLICATIONS FEARED.

Warsaw, June 8.

Complications are feared in  
connection with the murder of  
Volkov, owing to the impression  
that Russia will demand the ex-  
tradition of Kowceda, to which the  
Government cannot agree without  
loss of prestige by the violation  
of principle of non-surrender of  
political refugees.—*Reuter.*

**Fortnight's "Court Mourning."**

Moscow, June 8.

The Soviet has proclaimed a  
fortnight's "Court mourning" for  
all its representatives at home and  
abroad in connexion with Vol-  
kov's assassination.

Although Volkov was born in  
1888 and was associated with the  
revolutionary movement since  
youth, official circles declare that  
he was in no way responsible for  
the death warrant of the Imperial  
Russian Family, being Food Com-  
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H. J. Fountain (accompanist).

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**DECOMPOSED BODY IN  
BED.**

BROTHER'S REMARKABLE  
STORY.

An inquiry into a remarkable  
story of the death of two men—a  
farmer and son—was held in Erith  
(Kent), by Mr. H. B. Sewell and  
jury recently.

William Thomas Holmes, octo-  
genarian, who was living on his  
naval pension at 4 Statley Road,  
Belvedere, was found dead in his  
bed the previous day, having, it  
was stated, been lying dead for five  
months, and his son, John Randall  
Holmes (45), who lived with his  
father, was found hanging in a  
stable loft.

The tragedy was discovered by  
Charles Holmes, the 65-years-old-  
son of William Thomas Holmes,  
who had just returned home.

The Coroner described the case  
as a very sad one. In relating the  
facts of the case, he said the man  
John was a licensed victualler's  
potman at the Fox, Belvedere.

Charles Robert, the brother, said  
his father had been queer for  
some time past. He was queer in  
December last, and the other  
brother looked after him. Apparent-  
ly Charles lived downstairs and the  
other two upstairs.

The Coroner went on to describe  
how John used to take his father  
up a cup of tea until quite recent-  
ly. Charles, said the Coroner, un-  
til the tragedy was discovered, had  
not been upstairs since December  
last. The body of the father was  
very decomposed, but as far as  
could be judged, there were no ex-  
ternal marks of violence. The  
death of the son was clearly a case  
of suicide.

Father Last Seen in December.

The first witness was Charles  
John Holmes, a heavily-built man,  
who identified the bodies as those  
of his father and brother.

Witness said his father had been  
a stoker in the Navy, and was nen-  
sioned off. He had been living in  
Belvedere about 28 or 29 years.

The Coroner—What was your  
father's usual state of health?  
Fair. He never complained.  
When did you see your father  
last alive?—In December. He  
was fairly well, but suffering from  
a cold. I knew that he was up-  
stairs afterwards because I could  
hear him moving about.

What was he up there for?  
He was suffering from a cold and  
could not get up.

You never went up to see him?  
—No.

Why not—Because I was not  
that way inclined.  
His brother, the witness said,  
was looking after his father, and  
used to take him up food every  
day. I saw him take up an egg  
and a cup of tea a day, said wit-  
ness, and I naturally thought my  
father was alive. The egg was  
beaten up in the tea for my father  
right up to the last.

Father Found Dead.

Last Wednesday, witness went  
to work about four o'clock, leav-  
ing his brother indoors, and got  
home again yesterday morning  
about 8.30. I saw my brother was  
not there, he continued, and I  
could not make him hear. I got in  
through the window and went up-  
stairs, but could not find my brother,  
but I found my father dead.

Coroner—On the bed?—Yes. In  
his usual night attire.  
What state was the room in?—It  
was rather dirty, and the body was  
very decomposed.

Witness said he called a police-  
man, who lived next door. There  
was a bad smell about the place,  
and witness was going to ask the  
cause of it, but it slipped his mem-  
ory. The room door and windows  
were all shut.

In the kitchen, said witness, I  
found a piece of paper on the  
table. It was in my brother's  
hand-writing.

It said:—"Father died Decem-  
ber 15, 1925. Don't blame  
Charles."

The Coroner—Meaning you?  
—Yes.

**"A Little Strange."**

Later in the day, witness was  
told that his brother had been  
found. His brother had seemed  
a little strange in his ways lately,  
but witness had taken no notice  
of him.

Coroner—How do you account  
for not finding out your father's  
death?—I left it all to my brother,  
and I never made any inquiries.  
My brother had always looked  
after father, and I don't know why  
he did not tell me.

Coroner—You were satisfied  
your father died a natural death?  
—Oh, yes.

Would there have been any  
money to bury him?—There was  
insurance money.

Witness added that no insurance  
money had been drawn since last  
September. His brother's manner  
had been very strained of late.  
He did not like anybody inquiring  
about him. His brother did the  
housekeeping and cooked all the  
food.

The Coroner—Do you think your  
father had all that he wanted—  
Yes, I think he did.

Why do you think your brother  
committed suicide?—I suppose  
keeping the body in the house  
preyed on his mind.

**Brother Scared.**

Witness added that the found  
afterwards that a sanitary inspec-  
tor called at the house on Wednes-  
day and wished to go over it, but  
was refused admittance.

The Coroner—You think that  
that rather scared your brother?

Witness—That is what caused  
him to do what he has done.  
Did he ever talk of suicide?—  
Never.

Questioned with regard to his  
father's pension witness said he  
believed it was about 27s. a week,  
but he did not know for certain.

Questioned regarding his brother's  
motives for keeping the body  
in the house, witness said—I think he  
kept it back for two or three days, and  
then it went on and on until it  
really preyed on his mind, and he  
got frightened.

Questioned by a police officer,  
witness said his brother took  
meals up to his father every morn-  
ing since December, but he did not  
know what happened to the meal.

Ellen Dwight, 6 Stabley Road,  
said she last saw the old man  
about the end of last summer.  
She never noticed anything unusu-  
al until last week, when she  
thought John looked vacant at  
times. She last saw John on  
Wednesday evening. Every  
time she asked how his father was  
he said—"Quite all right."

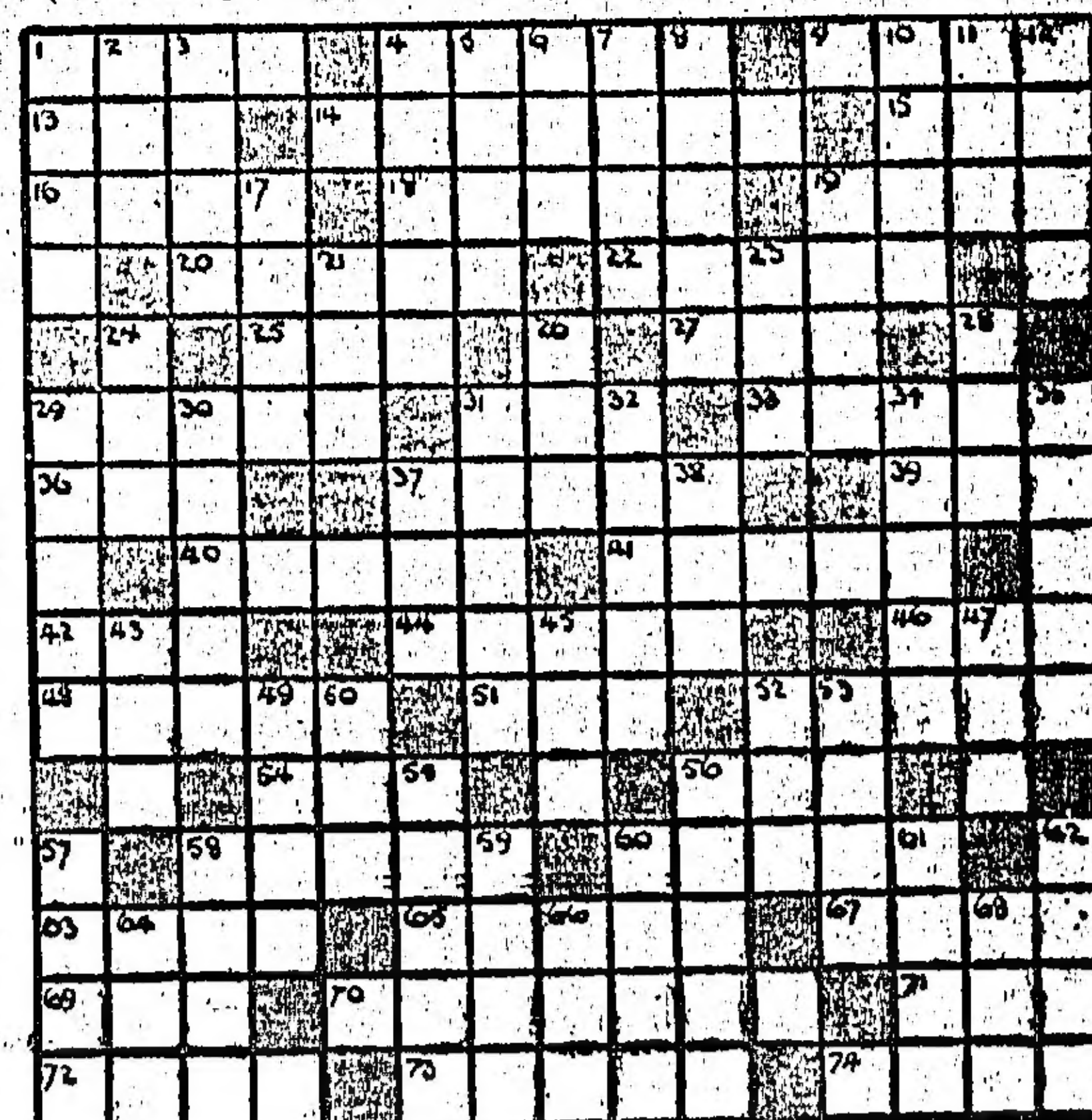
The Coroner—Was he kind to  
the old man?—He was a kind, good  
son to his father.

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causes was returned in the case of  
the father, and suicide while tem-  
porarily mentally deranged in the  
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**Across.**

- 1 Descendant of Mohammed.
- 4 Domestic vessels made of silver.
- 9 Australian bird.
- 13 Obtain.
- 14 Phrases of clans.
- 15 Source of metal.
- 16 Female sheep.
- 18 Lower.
- 19 Male swine.
- 20 Middle (law).
- 22 Smudge.
- 25 Measure out.
- 27 Nevertheless.
- 29 Unctuous.
- 31 Baby's bed.
- 33 Side glances.
- 38 Hot water jug.
- 37 German light infantryman.
- 39 Pig's home.
- 40 Religion of Mohammed.
- 41 Cook on a spit.
- 42 Bo ill.
- 44 Uncanny.
- 46 Single.
- 48 German geological term.
- 51 Eggs.
- 52 Tree with trembling leaves.
- 54 Consume.
- 55 Part of the face.
- 58 Lowest point.
- 60 Celestial body.
- 63 Freshhold (Shetland).
- 65 Table-lands of South Africa.
- 67 Animal.
- 69 Part of the body.
- 70 Turn.
- 71 Period of time.
- 72 List of candidates for office (Scott).
- 73 Fishing net.
- 74 Furious, reckless onset.

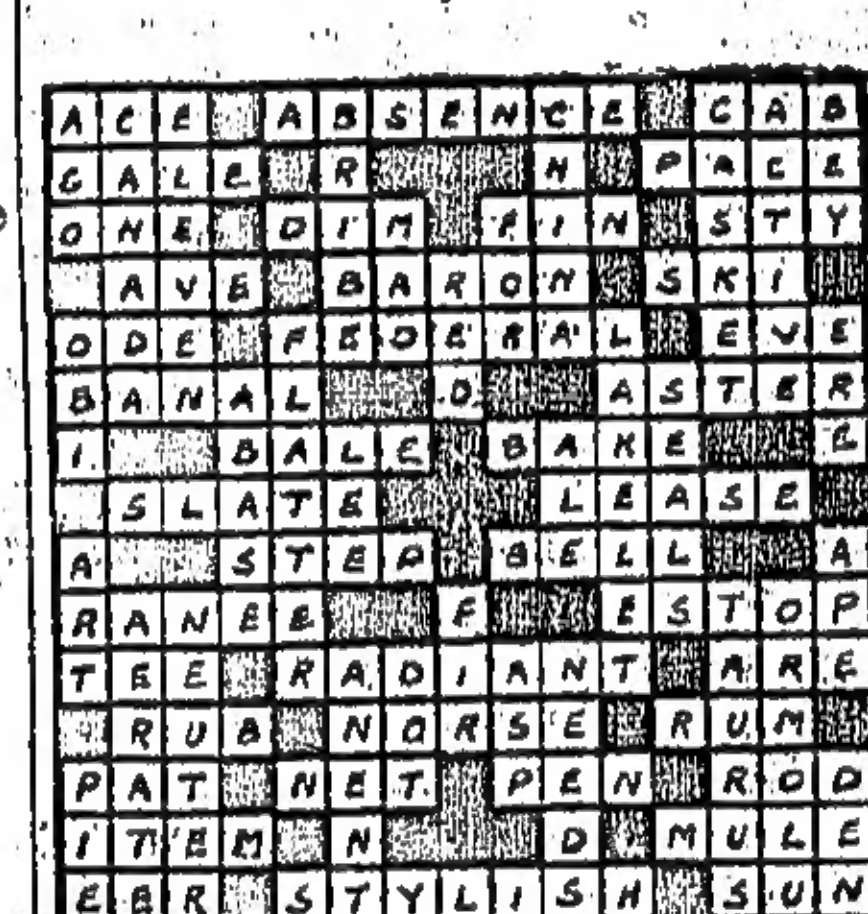
**Down.**

- 1 Tidal wave moving up a river.
- 2 Gull.
- 3 Paragraph.
- 4 Tru.
- 5 Part of the ear.
- 6 Eastern commander.
- 7 Cup.
- 8 Foo.
- 10 Tract of waste land.
- 11 Age.
- 12 Plural of wast.

**Percolate.**

- 17 Strife.
- 19 Heavens.
- 23 Snake like fish.
- 24 Devonshire hill.
- 26 Wooden pin.
- 28 Skill.
- 29 Pertaining to the calf of the leg.
- 30 Aged.
- 31 Stone of coloured layers.
- 32 Earth.
- 34 Bar by one's own act.
- 35 Whistle.
- 37 Steer wild.
- 38 Bar.
- 43 Element of an electrolyte.
- 45 Creeping plant.
- 47 Gack.
- 49 Marine carnivorous mammal.
- 50 Mourful.
- 52 Object.
- 53 Hurried.
- 55 Dogs.
- 56 Not light.
- 58 Unburnished gold used for inlay.
- 59 Part of the neck.
- 60 Wander in mind.
- 61 Grain.
- 62 Brood.
- 63 Travel by wagon.
- 64 Expire.
- 66 Portuguese coin.
- 68 Self.

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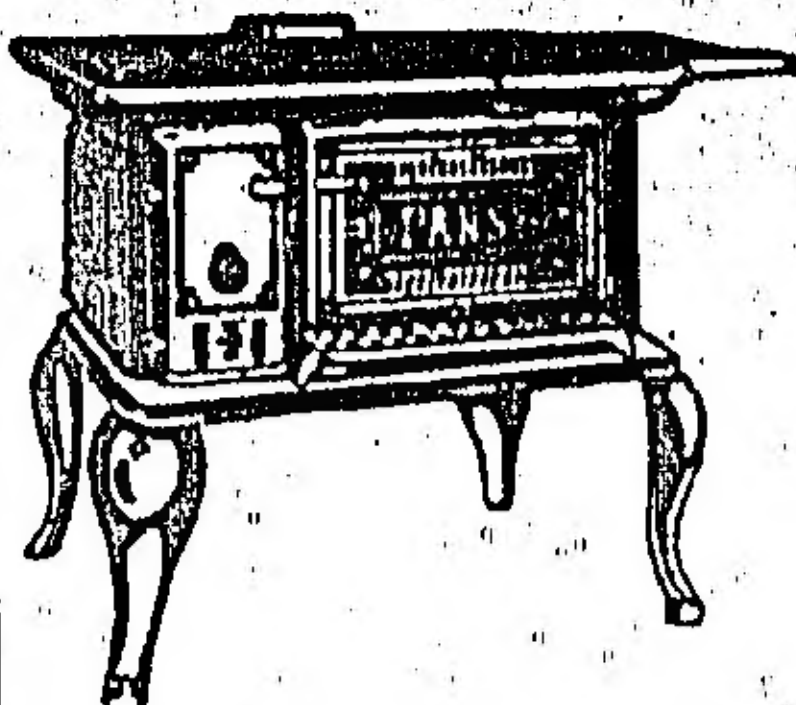


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THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1927

### THE WARSAW MURDER.

There is little doubt but that the assassination of the Soviet Minister to Poland in Warsaw will give rise to a very critical European political situation, notwithstanding the fact that the shot was fired by a young Russian monarchist. The fact that the late M. Volkov was killed in Warsaw will be enough to convince the Soviet that the deed was instigated by Poland. In fact, a Note has already been sent from Moscow to Warsaw saying as much. There is a very deep dislike and distrust existing between Poland and the Soviet, the latter being ultra suspicious of any and every act which Poland and the diplomatic representatives of other countries in Poland dare commit. At one time it was asserted that France was agitating on Poland to annoy both Germany and Russia, and of late it has been a pet theme of complaint with the Soviet spokesmen to declaim against Britain for what they allege is anti-Russian intrigue in Poland. The Soviet has gone further than that, and asserts that Britain is planning and plotting for a solid anti-Soviet phalanx through Eastern Europe. How much of this is just wild imagination and how much of it is trotted out to counter Britain's legitimate complaints against the Soviet for anti-British propaganda we leave our readers to assess for themselves, but the fact remains that anything which occurs in Warsaw is, according to the Soviet, anti-Russian and British inspired. That the Soviet Minister to Warsaw should have been assassinated will inevitably have widespread repercussions in Russia and may easily precipitate a first class political crisis in Europe.

The tone of the preliminary Note which Russia has sent to Poland indicates the highly-strung mentality of its framers and the fact that they are suffering from the effects of the recent world happenings in which the Soviet has been bested. It accuses Poland of failing to take precautions against the activities of Russian counter-revolutionary organisations and it proceeds to assert that the assassination is bound up with a whole series of acts throughout the world which aims at destroying Soviet diplomatic representation abroad. And there

is cited the raid at Peking, the action taken against the Soviet Consulate at Shanghai and the break-off of relations by Britain. The average man will be hard put to it to connect the raid at Peking, ordered by Marshal Chang Tso-lin, with a political murder committed by a Russian youth in Warsaw, and the fact that a connexion is found in the Soviet Note only goes to show how seriously the leaders of the Soviet are suffering from what the psychoanalysts would doubtless term "the inferiority complex" and imagine that there is a world-wide conspiracy against them. Poland, of course, has a clear answer to the charge—the obvious answer that it cannot nationally be made responsible for the irresponsible act of a hot-headed Russian youth of 19. It is to be regretted that the whole tangle of cross-purposes which has been so marked a feature of Eastern European politics during the post-war period is to be revived, because there is great need at the moment for strong moderating influences. In the Balkans there is the threat of trouble in Rumania and on account of the Albanian border; there is as yet no very friendly feeling between Poland and Germany on account of the corridor to the Baltic; and across the Soviet border there is an angered and disappointed Russia. It needs only a wrong touch to embroil these peoples in a very real war—an eventually against which all hopes will be set.

### Defence of Peking.

According to instructions issued by the U.S. State Department to its Peking representatives, the action to be taken by America in the event of a Southern attack on Peking is to be left in the hands of its military representatives, but on no account must a shot be fired against the Nationalists. It would seem that by this order American forces are estopped from taking any measure in defence of the Legation Quarter should its integrity be threatened, and while the last thing in the mind of any foreign Power with interests in China is resort to force except in most extreme circumstances, when there is no possible alternative if its nationals are to be protected, it is not hard to understand that Americans in Peking are perturbed, and are expressing concern at their Government's policy. Great Britain and Japan have already expressed their determination to hold their ground, but it is almost Hobson's choice for General Smedley Butler to order a withdrawal to the coast if there is danger of a clash. The position is extremely difficult from whatever point it is viewed and the U.S. State Department is being urged by the members of its Legation to adopt a stronger attitude. In view of recent developments, the negotiations for a tripartite alliance between Marshal Chang Tso-lin, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and General Yen Hsi-shan, resulting in a cessation of hostilities except on the Honan front, the likelihood of a serious attack on the Legation Quarter is passing into the realm of obscurity and it may be that the need for foreign "preparedness" will disappear.

When a motor-car driven by Mr. P. B. Barty, a Farnborough, Hampshire, commission agent, arrived at a Farnborough hotel, after the car had collided with the buttress of a bridge in Rectory-road, Mr. John Russell Little, of Croydon, one of the occupants, was found dead with severe head wounds. Mr. Hargreaves, surveyor to the Farnborough Council, who was also in the car, had serious injuries to his head. Mr. Barty was uninjured. Mr. Little was on a visit to Farnborough, and it is stated that he was a timber merchant at Croydon.

At a fire at the American Magazine Company's warehouse beneath the railway arch at Vauxhall Bridge, S.E., on the main Southern Railway line, the firemen found conditions so difficult that four special breathing apparatus sets were brought into use by men specially trained in the use of the apparatus and gas masks. Firemen were not able to go near the burning warehouses for more than a few minutes at a time owing to the fumes. They left with tears streaming from their eyes. Four hoses were kept playing on the brickwork of the railway to prevent the fire from interfering with the running of trains.

### DAY BY DAY.

ANGER IS A SHORT MADNESS.—Horace.

Two Chinese cases of typhoid were reported yesterday.

The Royal Observatory weather forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is:—E. winds, moderate; overcast, rain.

The Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.92 inch. The total since January 1st is now 46.45 inches as against an average of 27.90 inches.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave eight arrivals and 11 departures, of which four and four were British, the best return of the day, leaving 65 vessels in harbour, British 25.

It is learned that the collision between the s.s. Tai Lea and s.s. Wing On at the Wangmun Bar was not serious, although the damage to bow plates of the Wing On has necessitated her docking for repairs.

A Chinese of No. 130, Canton Road, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with selling beer to soldiers of the K.O.S.B., without a license and was remanded till this morning. Capt. Baly, D.A.P.M., appeared to prosecute.

The staff of the Kowloon Magistracy spent an exceptionally long morning yesterday, when the Court sat until nearly two o'clock before adjourning for lunch. The daily cases, though of minor offences required considerable time to investigate and with several Sanitary Board summonses, it was not till noon that an assault case which had been fixed for half an hour earlier was called.

The Hongkong Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is arranging a special theatrical performance to be given by the Yan Shau Lin Theatrical Company at the Lee Theatre to-night at 9.15 p.m. The object is to entertain the principal military and naval officers now in the Colony (about 200 seats will be available), a number of the leading European and Chinese residents, and 500 N.C.O.'s and men selected (by the officers concerned) from the forces (military and naval) now in the Colony. H. E. the Governor and Lady Clementi will be present. The gathering is expected to be a large one.

Four Chinese were brought up at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on remand on charges of participation in an armed robbery committed on a fishing boat in the vicinity of the Nine Pins on April 25. Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defendants. According to the evidence of the prosecution, the defendants were alleged to have intercepted the complainants' boat which had left Shaukwan for Sam Mun, and after terrifying the crew, stole \$20. The appearance of a Police launch in the distance caused the pirates to abscond but they were pursued and caught. The men were discharged on account of the lack of evidence to connect them with the affair.

### FIRE FIGHTING.

SMART AND EFFICIENT  
DISPLAY.

A drill display, showing the efficiency and smartness of the men, the large majority of whom have served less than twelve months in the Brigade, was given in the exercise yard at the Central Fire Brigade yesterday afternoon in the presence of the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

The various drills and exercises consisted of those which any fully qualified fireman would be called upon to perform in the execution of his duty, and the smart manner in which the different numbers were carried out, either individually or collectively, was evidence of considerable training on the part of the superior officers.

Units from Wanchai and Kennedy Town also took part in the display and the "burn out" item with the Central Brigade was indeed very expeditiously carried out, taking only 85 seconds to complete.

The picking up of insensible persons, Motor Escape and Pump Drill, rescues from a burning building and the skip and pitch escape were all demonstrated in turn.

The parade was under the supervision of Acting Superintendent G. C. Moss and, at the conclusion of the display, the men were complimented by the Captain Superintendent of Police who said that what he had seen gave great promise for the company drills which would be held towards the end of the year.

### LABOUR LEADERSHIP.

ANXIETY OVER MR. RAMSAY  
MACDONALD'S HEALTH.

There is considerable perturbation among members of the Labour party about the illness of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (says the Daily Express), and the political situation to which it may possibly give rise.

While the leader of the opposition is not critically ill, private reports to his party friends convey the impression that his condition is not so reassuring as the bulletins which have been issued in Philadelphia would have the general public believe.

Mr. MacDonald has felt severely the strain of the last few years, and although his friends, of course, hope for his complete recovery, the possibility of his retirement from the leadership, at all events for the time being, is being seriously discussed.

His natural successor (adds the Express) would be Mr. J. R. Clynes, who is the deputy-chairman of the party, but there is considerable doubt whether the Labour M.P.s would agree to his appointment. He is much too mild, both in policy and manner, for Left Wingers, and the Moderates rather distrust his ability to hold the party together.

If it proves to be just a question of carrying on for a few weeks, then Mr. Clynes will be allowed to do so, but if a new leader had to be elected he would not carry the day.

Three other men are mentioned as "possibles." One is Mr. J. H. Thomas, who would have to face the bitter antagonism of the extremists. Another is Mr. Wheatley, who would have to overcome the equally strenuous opposition of the Right Wing. The third is Mr. Arthur Henderson, who, more than any other one man, has built up the organisation of the party, and who might be able to prevent an open rupture.

It is quite likely that, with a battle in prospect between the Wheatleys and the Thomases, Mr. Henderson would go in as the compromise nominee.

### The "Possibles."

Popular opinion has drawn up a list of possibles for the post (says the Press Association)—Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Maxton, and the last two named seem to be the most favourably regarded. Mr. Henderson has already been leader of the party, and is apparently popular with all sections. His speech in the Trade Union Bill debate obviously pleased both Left and Right Wings.

It is impossible to doubt the personal popularity of Mr. Maxton in all parts of the House. Although a comparatively obscure back bench member, he can "fill the House" better than a great many speakers. His views, of course, may be regarded as somewhat extreme, and for that reason the Right Wing might not support his candidature. His ability, and popularity would seem to support the opinion held in political quarters that he would stand a fair chance of success in a ballot for the office of leader.

There are many back benchers who might be mentioned but who have yet to win their spurs as leaders. Prominent among these are Dr. Hugh Dalton, the old Etonian member of the Executive, and Mr. Oswald Mosley, who is generally accepted as one of the best debaters in the party.

### TJILEBOET WRECK.

NO DECISION YET REACHED.

Tenders were recently called for by the J.C.J. Line for the purchase of the fore-part of the s.s. Tjileboet, stranded at Lin Ting, but up to the present no decision has been reached with respect to this and it is thought that no announcement can be made for at least a week.

Several offers have been made by Chinese firms, who are buying for scrap purposes, but those have been on the low side and a final closure of the sale cannot be made until the return of the manager of the company, who is at present in Java for the purpose of attending the enquiry into the circumstances of the stranding.

Two pearl necklaces, valued at about £800, were stolen from the window of Mr. R. Wilson, jeweller, Poland-street, Westminster, by a man who smashed the glass with a 7lb. hammer. One of the bars of a grating was bent by the hammer.

People attracted by the crash of glass dashed after the man, but when they reached Berwick-street, the thief had disappeared. It is believed that four men were implicated, that one man was on the lookout for a possible interruption, and that the other confederates were lurking in a side street with a motor-car.

## The Very Idea!

An American Wild West editorial.

"It is reported that a certain fastidious young lady in this town kneads bread with her gloves on."

"This incident may seem peculiar, but there are others."

"Now, we need bread with our shoes on. We need bread with our pants on, and unless we corral a few of the outstanding accounts on our books, we will need bread without a darn thing on, and this town will be a garden of Eden this season if collections do not improve shortly."

The kids throw nails around the lawn.  
And thought it quite a joke.  
But nails, you know, are very hard.  
That's why the lawn mower's broke.

Rev. A. F. Royston, Vicar of St. Anthony's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, states in his parish magazine that while walking home from church one of the epithets shouted after him was "Hooded terror." This was due, no doubt, to the fact that he was wearing a cassock and cloak.

"What would be thought of a vicar," he asks, "if he were to shout and jeer at a mechanic who goes to and from his work in his boiler suit? Yet the cassock is to the priest what the boiler suit is to the mechanic and the engineer. Apart from the convenience of wearing the cassock at all times, instead of keeping it hanging in the vestry cupboard, the cassock is a very comfortable garment, and covers a multitude of patches. Do not make the lives of the clergy here, already hard enough, more irksome by making them display the patches on their trousers."

Giving evidence in a case at Brighton when a young man was fined 20s. for possessing a revolver without a certificate, a policeman said he had tested the revolver.

Mr. Bishop, for the prosecution—I believe you fired at a copy of Stone's "Justice's Manual." (Laughter.)

Witness—Yes, and it penetrated the book to a depth of about half an inch. I fired from a distance of about five yards.

Mr. Barry, defending, submitted the revolver was not a firearm within the meaning of the Act because it was not capable of inflicting a mortal injury.

The Bench ruled otherwise, the chairman stating that no doubt the revolver came within the position of a lethal weapon.

It was stated that a popular name for the revolver was the safety pistol and "burglar scarer."

The Lord Mayor of London sticks to it that while there was a Dick Whittington there was no cat; and if the City is wise it will be content to accept that version. Save for pantomime purposes, the cat has never been an ornament to the legend. For a poor lad to rise to fame and fortune by his own exertions is one thing; for him to rise through the exertions of his cat is quite another, which gives every kind of facility to Socialist propaganda.

Thank God this is not a shabby age.—Lord Riddell.

Possibly the Press has never ranked so high as to-day.—The Archbishop of Norwich.

Doctors try to frighten us with their long Greek words, but they don't mean anything.—Judge Cluer.

The long week-end habit and the long holiday habit (longer than officially allowed) do not exist in America.—Mr. A. Ryner.

In the present state of public opinion if the doctor does not give the patient a bottle of coloured medicine a patient thinks he is not a good doctor.—Dr. H. J. Cardale.

A little man appeared before the judge to charge his wife with cruelty.

"Where did you meet your wife first?" asked counsel.

"I don't think I ever met her," said the little man, "she just sort of overtook me."

### SWATOW TRAGEDY.

SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE  
DROWNED.

On Monday last, 800 Chinese, who were travelling between Lue and Kityang, on board the ferry Tai Hing, were all thrown into the water when the launch turned turtle on nearing Swatow. Of the passengers it is reported that only 100 of their number were rescued.

Although only licensed to carry 350 passengers, the launch Tai Hing had on board 800 persons all told. During the trip a plank fell overboard and through the curiosity of the passengers everybody crowded to one side to view the incident. Under this great weight, the ferry boat heeled over and turned turtle, throwing the passengers into the water.



## KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

## EXTRA THROUGH EXPRESS SERVICE.

## MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

The large influx of Cantonese into Hongkong is mainly through the steamer services, and since the restoration of the through express service between Canton and Kowloon, the daily average of passengers is about 200 only, says a vernacular paper.

In order to popularise the railway service, the Canton section, which issued the figures, seeks to add one more express service every day, and proposes that two expresses shall run from each end, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The restoration of the service, the vernacular paper adds, was made possible only when the British Section agreed to lend locomotives and engineers to the Chinese Section, and the question naturally arises as to whether the British Section will be prepared to lend further engineers and locomotives to bring about the proposed additional service.

On enquiry of the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway this morning, the Telegraph was informed that it is probable that the double express service to Canton as proposed, will probably come into operation about June 20th.

The additional express service will be run on exactly the same lines as the present service, the locomotives being changed at Shum-chun.

## BATHING STYLES.

## A GLIMPSE OF CONTRASTS.

(A scene in the Brown household, Kowloon, on a recent Sunday afternoon.)

"Are you ready, Jack?"

"Ready be hanged. I can't find my bathing suit and one can hardly go swim—"

"What's that you're rushing about with in your hand?"

"That's young Bill's—well I'm fidgeted, but it's my own. Are the kids O.K.?"

"Yes, dear, hurry up or we'll miss that ferry and you know what a rush there is for a bus on a Sunday."

(Exeunt. They arrive at Hong-kong Hotel entrance.)

Jack (looking at crowded bus): "We'll have to do a lifeline imitation of surfmen to squeeze into that thing. Let's take a car."

Mary (his wife): "But the expense."

Jack: "Oh, hang the expense. We're out for the day, aren't we?"

Mary (meekly): "Alright, Jack. (A car is hired to Repulse Bay.)"

Mary: "You take Bobby and Bill in your tent, Jack, and I'll take Flora and Margaret in mine."

Jack: "Look here, there's hardly room as it is to change your mind in the blooming things without packing a family into them. We'll have two for the kids and one each for ourselves."

(They proceed to beach.)

Jack: "Where are the tents?"

Mary: "They used to be here" (indicating the exact position of "here.")

Jack: "Looks as if the cock-crowers have eaten 'em."

(Ultimately it is discovered that the tents for some mysterious reason have been taken away. The children on being informed of the fact indulge in communitarian wailing.)

Jack (beaten in spirit): "Anyway, let's have tea."

Mary: "Where's the hamper?"

Jack (blankly): "Good—I've left it in the car and it's gone."

Mary (bravely): "Let's take the first bus back home."

(A scene in any Tai-pai's home on any Sunday afternoon in summer.)

"Are you ready, Reginald?"

"Yes, my dear. The car is waiting. The boy has packed the hamper and the chauffeur has the key of the matshed."

(An hour later at Repulse Bay.)

"Isn't the water lovely to-day, Reg?"

"Topping."

(Contributed.)

## POET'S CORNER.

## LOVE IS BLIND.

[A reply to "P. T. D.'s" query in yesterday's issue.]

Though love may be blind,  
It is true;  
Praps Love's eyes can find  
That in you  
Which from others' sight  
Hidden lies,  
Find it by the light  
Of Love's eyes!  
Sees within the clay  
Something fine,  
Where a diamond may  
Dimly shine!

## THE PHILIPPINES.

## A NEW SLOGAN BY CHINESE.

An indication of what is in store for Americans in the Philippines when China settles down to draft new treaties with the foreign powers, is seen in an article appearing in the *New York Herald-Tribune* under date of February 20, written by Mr. Roy Bennett from Manila. Mr. Bennett starts off by saying: "Chinese in the Philippines have adopted a new slogan of 'American capital, Chinese labour and Filipino lands.' They claim that a combination of the three would multiply the wealth of the islands tenfold."

While General Wood is urging more strict enforcement of the laws against Chinese emigration with the enthusiastic support of all Filipinos except those who profit by their evasion, the Chinese Consul General at Manila, Mr. Lingoh Wang, is completing a survey of the islands for his government and has come out for the opening of the doors to the Chinese as the solution to their economic problems.

That the Chinese have the whiphand and can carry through their plans should they determine to adopt the same methods in the Philippines which have carried them to success in China, is apparent from the brief resume of their position as outlined by Mr. Bennett. He says:

The Chinese is the middleman of the Philippines. He buys from the American and English importing houses and sells to the Filipino; and buys raw products from the Filipino and sells to the big exporters. Approximately 90 per cent. of this business is in his hands.

## Chinese Encroachment.

Through it he has a strangle hold upon the natives, and now is seriously threatening the position of the large foreign houses. Two years ago riots against the Chinese, riots such as have occurred regularly for the last 200 years, were stopped when the Chinese storekeepers boarded up their small shops and refused to open for business. The Filipinos literally were starved into peace by lack of any place to purchase the necessities of life.

Of late years the Chinese merchants have encroached more and more upon the business of the foreign import-export houses. A 1½ per cent. cumulative sales tax imposed by the government on every transaction has greatly aided this movement, as it fosters direct exportation by the first buyer of produce.

This has been particularly in evidence in the hemp market, where, within the last three months, one Chinese house has crept from a lowly position to second place in the list of hemp exporters.

Business men here are agreed that in the event of independence the Filipinos have more to fear from economic domination by the Chinese than political domination by any foreign power.

It is true, however, that the Chinese here make excellent citizens. They are as the consul puts it "too much engrossed in trade to pay attention to politics," and there is complete lack of interest in the anti-foreign feeling which agitates China.

## 2,000 Emigrants Per Month.

They intermarry with the Filipinos on an enormous scale. Children of such marriages, which usually are prolific, are Filipinos at heart. This is true of all children born of alliances between Filipinos and foreigners. The Chinese-Filipino child inherits many of the qualities of both races, but particularly the cleverness and thrift of the Chinese parent.

There is no doubt that the Chinese would welcome an opportunity to invade the Philippines in large numbers. At present, in spite of strict laws against them, 2,000 a month enter openly by means of forged papers and for-felling of bonds. Two steamers operate regularly between Manila and south China ports bringing them in.

Countless others take advantage of the Philippine coast line, which is as long as that of the United States, to land and lose themselves in the population. This is easily accomplished.

Taken by and large, it would appear that the Chinese cry for "American capital, Chinese labour and Filipino lands" is in a fair way to be realized if the islands ever get the American capital.

## Soviet's Next Drive.

The mere recital of these facts conveys to the intelligent observer its own warning. It may be true that the Chinese in the Philippines are too much engrossed in trade to pay attention to politics. The same truth holds equally good in China. But with 2,000 or more Cantonese bootlegging into the Promised Land every month, in defiance of the American exclusion laws, it is easy enough for radical emissaries to follow the same route and put the screws on their

## OUTLAWING WAR.

## "AN ADVENTURE IN FAITH."

"Duelling was not abolished by abolishing the causes of duelling. All of them still remain. Duelling was made illegal, and law being the expression of public opinion, duelling has gone. In the same way war must be outlawed, made illegal in the international code of law. As Horace Greeley said of specie payment, 'The way to resume is to resume,' the time to outlaw war is now. Disarmament will follow war's outlawry, not precede it."

Briefly stated, this is the theme of the crusade for the outlawing of war upon which Mr. S. O. Levinson, a leading Chicago lawyer, is engaged. During the ten years he has given all his mind to this matter he has drawn under his banner in the U.S.A. men like Senator Knox, Professor John Dewey, and more recently Senator Borah. Mr. Levinson hopes that his private visit to England just now, in which he is occupied in seeing leading publicists, politicians, and Church leaders, will be followed soon by a personal visit home of Senator Borah. "I hope Lord Derby's invitation to Senator Borah will be accepted so that he can come almost at once. If there is delay the Senator, who is America's most misunderstood, but most enlightened statesman, will be too occupied with his official duties to have time to spare to get over here."

## The Two Ways.

Mr. Levinson sees the world recently as having to choose between two antithetical ways—law or war. "Hitherto," he said, "we have only been trying to scare war away, and when the nations' blood is up, all our schemes do not weigh a feather. The fatal defect in our civilisation is the legality of war. It is an institution. In our national affairs when we discover that an institution—that is, a practice within the law—has become dangerous to society, we get rid of it. But this cannot be done by force. It can only be done by law. How did we get rid of slavery, and piracy, and duelling, which were nearly as disreputable and illegal? No one would support a Sir Francis Drake now. Human nature has yielded to decency in nearly everything except war."

Mr. Levinson confines himself to international war, for civil and revolutionary war, he points out, is already against the law of the land. Those promoting it are legally felons and traitors. But a Napoleon or a Kaiser, in the international sphere, need give no reason, or a hundred reasons, for starting war. Domestic war is criminal, but war between nations to "settle disputes" is still legal.

## The Example of America.

"The American Constitution itself provides an example of the outlawing of war between States," and Mr. Levinson, "where the Supreme Court is given exclusive jurisdiction on questions like boundaries, repatriation questions, oil rights, etc. One State can file a petition against any other State, and the matter may be proceeded with whether the defendant State comes forward or not. This is a revolution in procedure. Yet ninety neatly settled questions have been peacefully settled without the shedding of a drop of blood."

"If disputes between New York on the North, and Pennsylvania on the South can thus be settled, why cannot other questions between New York on the South, and Canada on the North be equally easily dealt with? What is wanted is an international legal code, with temporary arrangements while this is being built up. The first step is a simple treaty between all the civilised nations disavowing war as the instrument of settlement. With war outlawed by such an air-tight and water-tight agreement, all countries would be willing to submit to jurisdiction on almost every

more pacific countrymen. If, under this pressure the Chinese merchants in the Philippines should resort to a boycott of American goods or close the doors of their shops indefinitely as a protest against the American Exclusion Law as applied to the Islands, it would soon awaken Americans and Filipinos to a realization of what they are up against. And, unless we are greatly mistaken, this is exactly what the Chinese Consul General in Manila, acting under instructions from his government, is leading up to. When the Soviet and its Cantonese allies gets through with the British in China, the chances are ten to one that they will turn their attention to the next near-by vulnerable point in the armour of "Western imperialism." Americans who fail to heed the hand-writing on the wall and believe they can escape the impact of the Soviet drive against the "capitalistic system" are fit inmates for the nearest lunatic asylum.—*The Far Eastern Review*.

matter. If there arose some cases in which a nation was not willing for adjudication, in no case would war follow, even if the question was never settled. Arbitration is only an alternative, and the option is too dangerous. Law is the only substitute for war."

The League and War. Asked as to the relation of this outlawry plan to the work of the League of Nations, Mr. Levinson replied, "When the League was formed, international law recognised and sheltered war. It expects it and had to make rule regarding it; for the League had to be constructed within the four corners of international law. Now it is for the League to say, 'Let us change the international law, and when we have outlawed war we can change the League accordingly.' Then the matter would be approached on a conciliatory basis. With the League as at present constituted, though the smaller nations are willing to outlaw war, the permanent members have not made this stand, and there is one to 'boss the bosses.' That is why I do not want to see America in the League, for she would then be one of the bosses. But, with war outlawed, America will be 'only too ready' to co-operate for peace."

Europe's Blind Eye. The difficulty regarding Europe, said Mr. Levinson, is that she cannot visualise a warless world. "It is my long experience in the big railway and industrial legal work in which I have been engaged in Chicago, and in which I have seen the disorganisation that law alone can straighten out, that shows me the world must be reorganised now, and not fifty or a hundred years hence, if civilisation is to be saved. At present there are thousands of treaties of amity and commerce in which there are no sanctions. Then there are treaties of military alliance. If one nation, when the call comes, refuses to support its treaty companion, how are you going to force it to?"

"Take the Locarno pact. Supposing under this France should call on Britain to help her when a British Labour Government is in power and the British people do not want to fight. Who is going to enforce Locarno? This means that all you can get is the plight of a nation. If France is so willing to take a nation's plight word to fight for her, why will she not take its plight word for peace and equally believe it? Why is a promise good for war and not for peace? If there is no faith the world may settle down to war, but by outlawing war we call for a peace which is an 'adventure in faith.'"

This movement, which Mr. Levinson started, became an organisation at the time of the Washington Conference in 1921, so as more efficiently to mobilise public opinion in the States. It has made remarkable headway, and Mr. Levinson is now chairman of the American Committee for the Outlawing of War. In a few days he is going on the Continent to interview leading people in France, Germany, Belgium, and Switzerland.



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## DESERT SCENE IN SUBURBIA.

## CONSTABLE'S CONVOY OF STRAY ASSES.

A constable turned a corner in White Hart Lane, Wood Green, London, to find himself face to face with a donkey "at large upon the public highway."

Taking the placid animal in tow he commenced to wend his way towards the Wood Green Council's pound when a second ass, quietly nibbling grass by the wayside, came under his charge.

With Neddie and Jennie trotting behind him the officer, quite unconscious of his strange appearance, pursued his way. But not for long. Donkey No. 3 lay upon its back in the roadway, kicking its feet in the air in full enjoyment of a roll in the dust.

With a "come-along-o-me" air Robert adjusted his belt and added No. 3 to his convoy, turning a deaf ear to inquiries of small boys as to whether his destination was 'Ampstead or Margit.'

## Where The Caravan Rested.

Shock No. 4 would have been too much for an ordinary mortal, but Robert was equal to it.

The sequel was heard the next morning when a Wood Green man was summoned for permitting "a certain mare and three asses to stray upon a certain public highway."

Defendant was fined the maximum penalty of £1.—*Daily Chronicle*.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1.—What British possessions are known as (a) the "Spicy Isle," (b) as the "Island State?"
- 2.—Which is the largest church in the world?
- 3.—Why were "Hackney carriages" so called?
- 4.—What is the origin of the term "milliner?"
- 5.—What planet has nine moons?
- 6.—Who was the earliest recorded Sovereign of Wales?
- 7.—Who is the King's Hereditary Grand Almoner?
- 8.—What is the length of the Suez Canal, and when was it first opened?
- 9.—Which is the largest (a) British ship, (b) American ship?
- 10.—Which are the two longest rivers in the world?
- 11.—What is meant by the Neanderthal Man?
- 12.—What is the speed of the Earth in its path round the sun, and does that speed vary?
- 13.—Who suggested a meeting in a wayside inn to terminate the Boer War?
- 14.—What is a fathom?
- 15.—Which is the tallest monument in the world?

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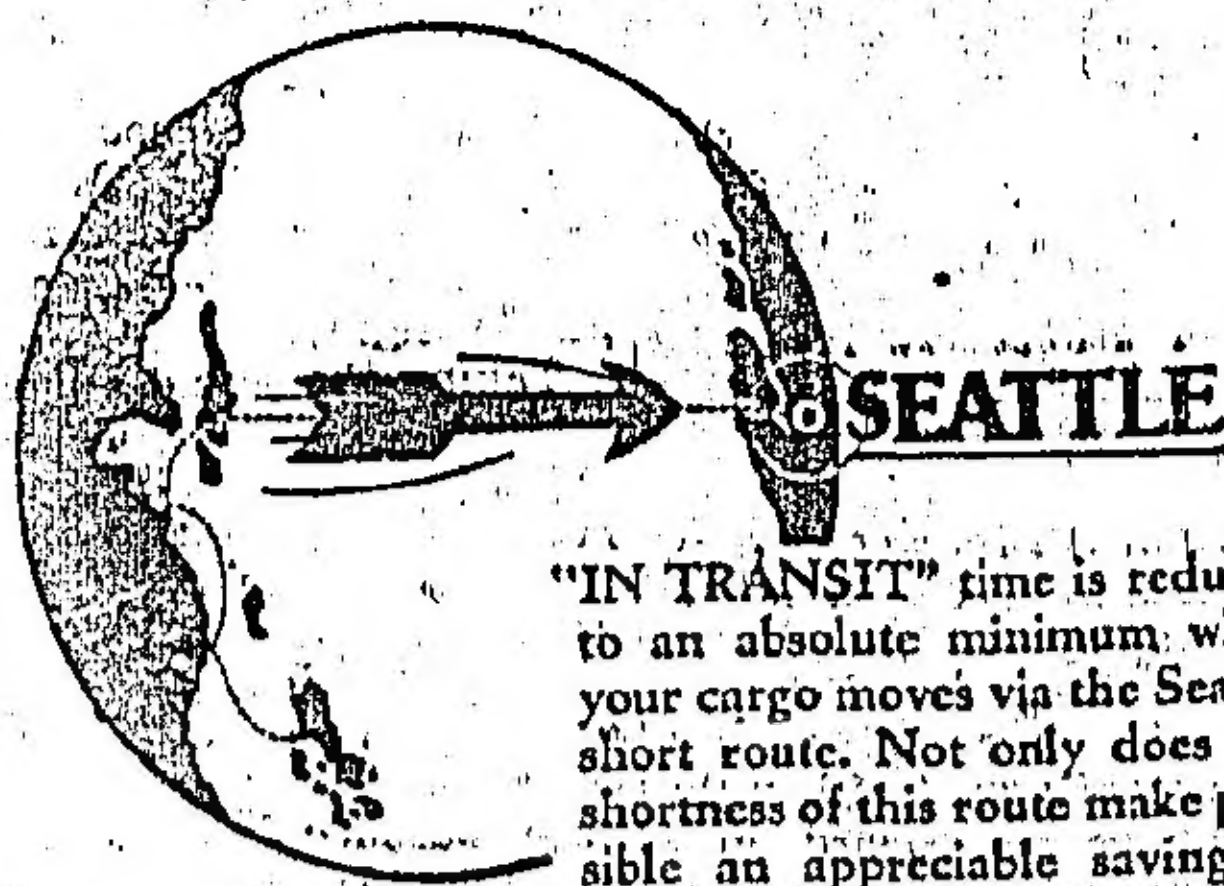
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### TRAGEDY OF A TEMPER.

#### EIGHT SHOT DEAD IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Cape Town, May 7.—The Charlestown shooting tragedy, in which a farmer named Swart shot dead eight people and then committed suicide, has created a tremendous sensation throughout the Union.

Swart was an excellent farmer, but a man of very violent temper, as the result of which he had several times committed acts for which he had suffered periods of imprisonment. Eventually he was warned that he was liable to an indeterminate sentence, and therefore was extremely anxious to avoid arrest.

The first episode in the tragic affair occurred on May 3, when a constable who was sent to arrest Swart, was fired on, but not injured. Attempted murder was thereupon added to the charges against Swart.

The same day Swart motored to Charlestown from his farm, and visited the house of another farmer, named Lourens, whom he fired at, but missed.

The following day a posse of ten picked policemen assembled at Newcastle, under the command of Captain Ashman, the district superintendent, and proceeded by motor car in the early hours of the morning to Swart's farm, which they approached under cover of the morning mist.

Swart, who had meanwhile armed some natives and fortified himself in a stone kraal, greeted the police with a fusillade of shots, and a miniature battle ensued. Not since the Boer War have the famous hills, including the Majuba Hill, echoed and re-echoed with such a volume of firing.

Five policemen were killed, including Captain Ashman himself and the Head Constable of Newcastle. Swart, taking advantage of the darkness and the mist, succeeded in eluding the remaining policemen, and escaped on horseback, fully armed, to Charlestown.

On his way there he encountered his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Knight, and Mr. Rotez, Mr. Lourens's farm manager, both of whom he shot dead, and further along the road the desperado fired on a number of railway gangers, who, however, were not injured.

On arriving at Charlestown, Swart rode to the house of Mr. Van Ruen, where he found his wife, from whom he was separated. He immediately blew out her brains, and then went on to try and find Mr. Lourens, whom he had already attempted to shoot the previous day.

#### Commits Suicide.

By this time the police and members of the Rifle Association, who had hastily assembled, were

hot on his track, and the last act of the drama was staged when Swart, finding himself surrounded by armed men, dropped from his horse, and shot himself with a revolver, taken from Captain Ashman after his death.

It appears that the whole affair was premeditated by Swart, who consulted his lawyer beforehand, and discussed for hours with him the amount of his crops and the quality of his stock, and explained the serious charge against him. He also expressed the wish to be buried at Volksrust.

The Minister of Justice in the House of Assembly to-day read the Police Commissioner's reports on the affair at Charlestown, when a farmer named Swart shot dead five policemen, his wife, his daughter-in-law, a farm manager, and finally himself on learning that a warrant had been issued for his arrest on charges of incest and attempted murder.

The Commissioner of Police, in his report, expressed the suspicion that Swart could not have done all the damage himself, but the Minister refused to read the portion of the telegram explaining the reasons for this suspicion, remarking amidst shouts of approval that the case was being investigated.

Reports from Newcastle state that Swart, who was a notorious desperado, had armed some of his native farm hands, who apparently took part in the firing on the police.

#### Natives Armed.

A later message says: Further details are available regarding the dramatic shooting affair at Charlestown in which a farmer named Swart is believed to have shot dead a number of policemen, his wife, his daughter-in-law, and finally taken his own life. The death-roll, including Swart himself, is put at ten.

It is now stated to be doubtful whether Swart actually did commit suicide, for three civilians fired on him, and he was found shot through the temple. It appears that Swart, while on his way to Charlestown, paid a visit to another farmer and laughingly stated that he had killed five policemen and was going to Charlestown to shoot three more people.

A pathetic feature of the tragedy is that Capt. Ashman, the district superintendent, who is one of the victims, before leaving with the posse of police with a view to arresting Swart, handing over some private papers, saying, "We are undertaking a tough job, and should anything occur please retain them and hand them over to my son."

The theory that natives armed by Swart also had a hand in the affair is supported by a statement of Constable Feucht, who says he was wounded by a native with a shot gun.

### BUNKUM ABOUT CHINA.

#### "EYEWASH AND STALE DOPE."

Colonel Etherton, at one time Consul-General in Chinese Turkestan and Assistant Judge of H. M. Supreme Court for China, has just written a book on China which comes pat to the occasion (writes "Truthful Tory" in *Truth*). It contains a concise and authentic statement of the facts as well as an interesting study of Chinese mentality. Everybody should read it and grasp a few simple truths, of which I cull one or two in condensed form.

Only three Chinamen in a hundred can read. The 97 per cent. of illiterates are peace-loving and absorbed in their families, worshipping their ancestors by offerings, and caring nothing for wars and politics. Confucius is to the ordinary Chinaman far more than the Bible is to the average Briton, and Confucius bade all men concern themselves with their own affairs and leave politics alone as a dangerous business. There is no such thing as public opinion, or public spirit, in China, though the coolies feel towards the foreign settlements much as Britons would feel about Chinatowns outside Newcastle or Southampton, or at Surbiton or Leith.

In thinking about the Chinese question, we must get rid of our notions about generals and armies. The generals are brigands, and the soldiers move from one army to another without even a change of uniform. The defeat of one tuchun by a rival jeopardises their pay, and so they pass on to another army and espouse its cause so long as their pay and existence are guaranteed.

The prattle about Chinese nationalism (this is "T. T." and no longer Colonel Etherton speaking) is necessarily bunkum, eyewash, stale dope ladled out by the Third International, and swallowed by no one but credulous, cant-ridden British politicians.

The Earl of Balfour, speaking at a luncheon in connexion with the Institute of Industrial Psychology, said they wanted to explode the superstition that all hours of work were a minus quantity in the happiness of life, and all hours of idleness were a plus quantity. "It is a most ludicrous and most pernicious doctrine," he added. "I do not want to deceive you all," said Lord Balfour. "I am myself a lover of idleness, but if you were to separate 100 adults into two halves and say to one half, 'You will work eight hours a day,' and to the other half, 'You will do nothing,' the latter would certainly commit suicide before the experiment had gone on very

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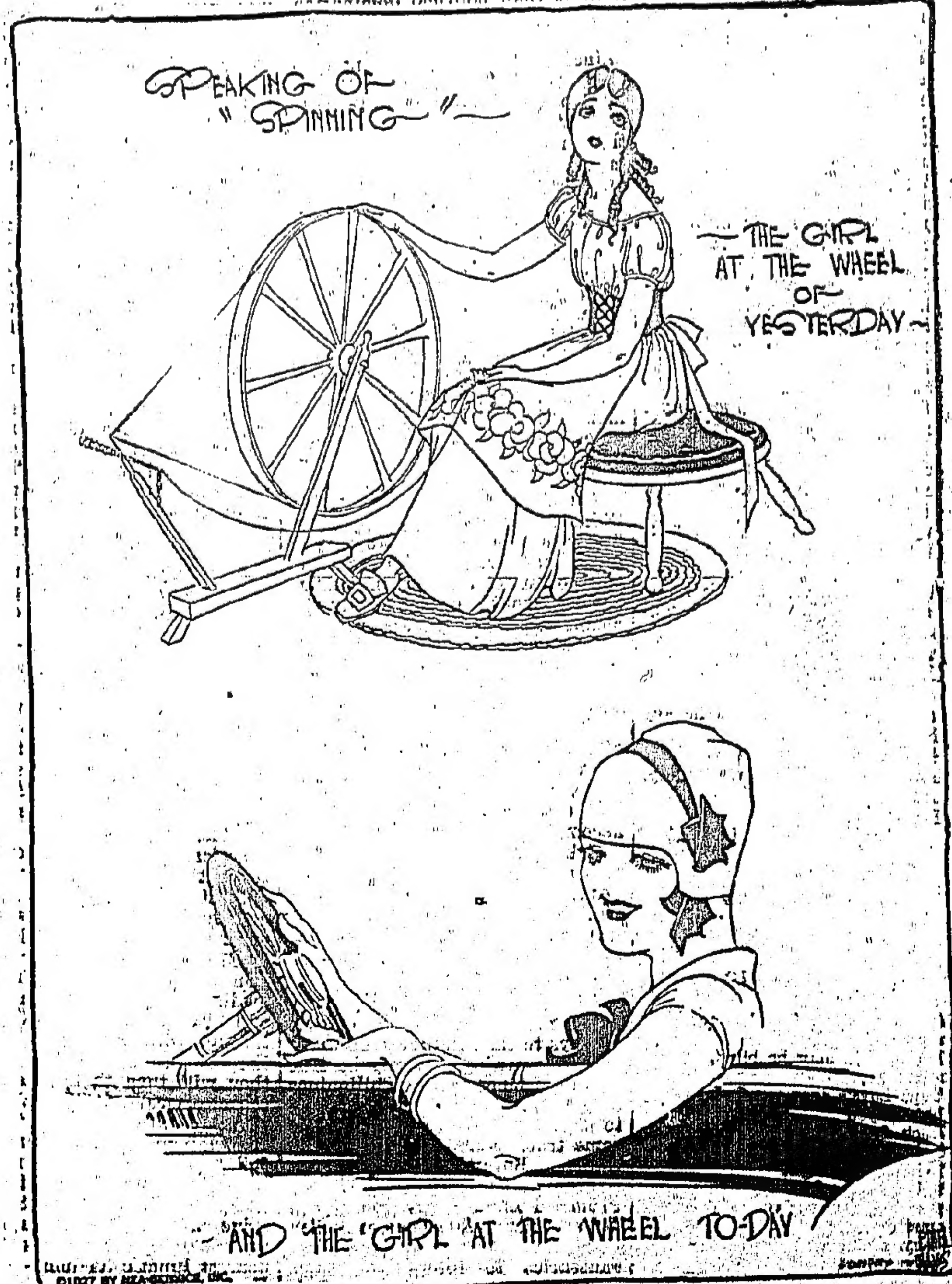
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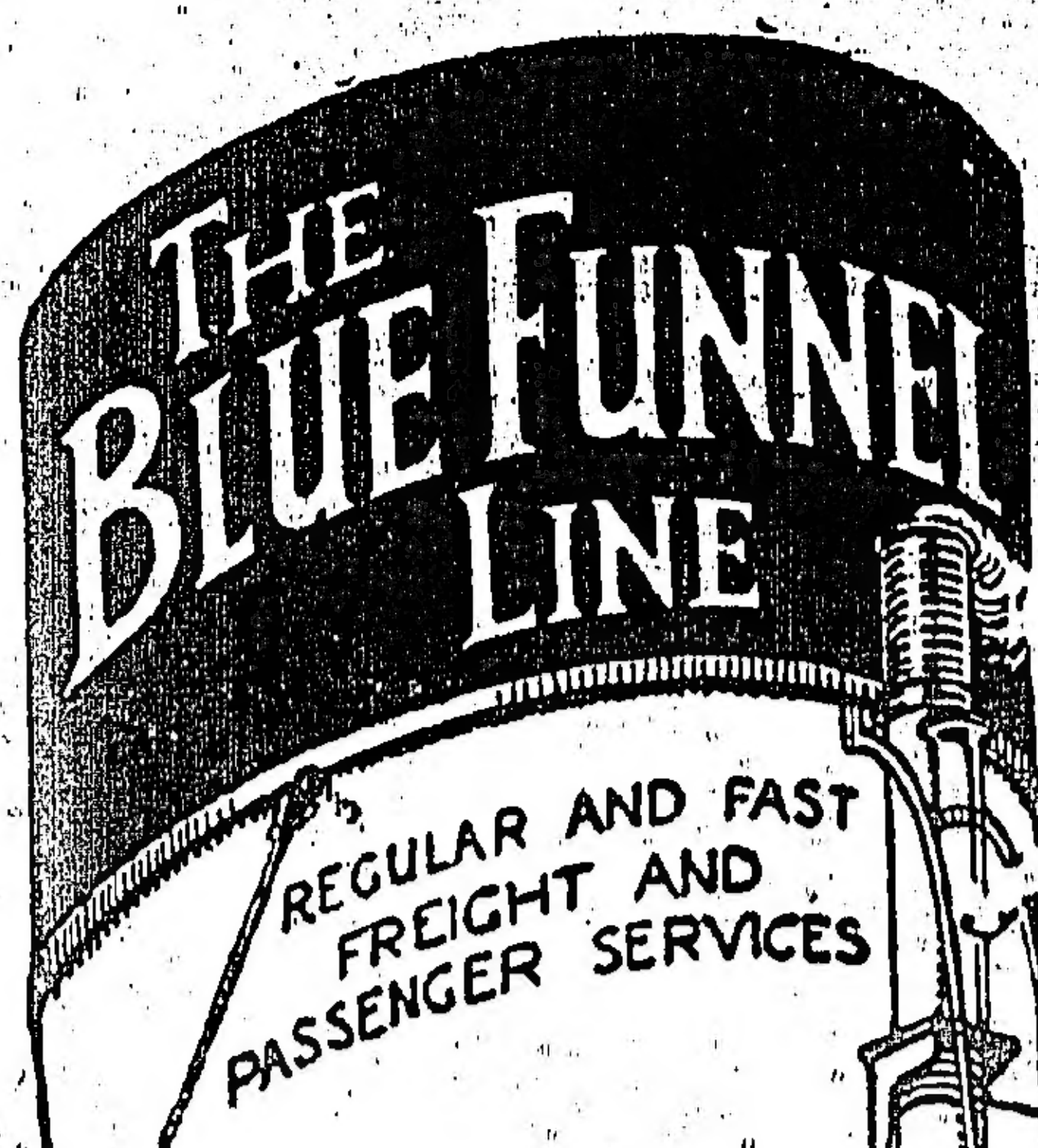
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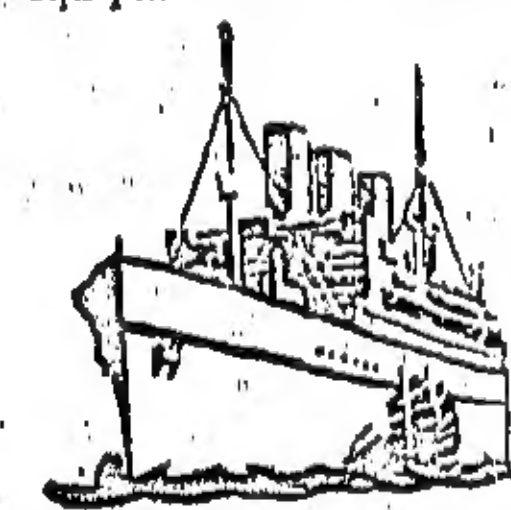
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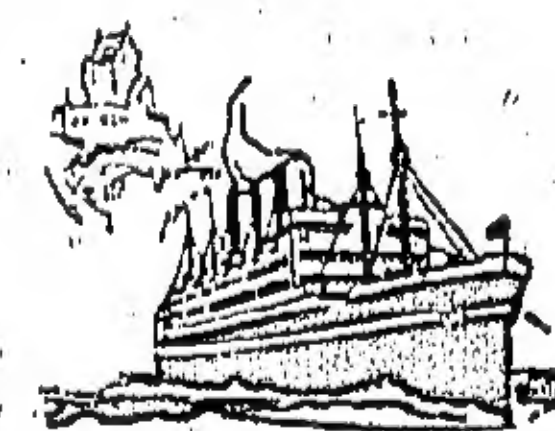
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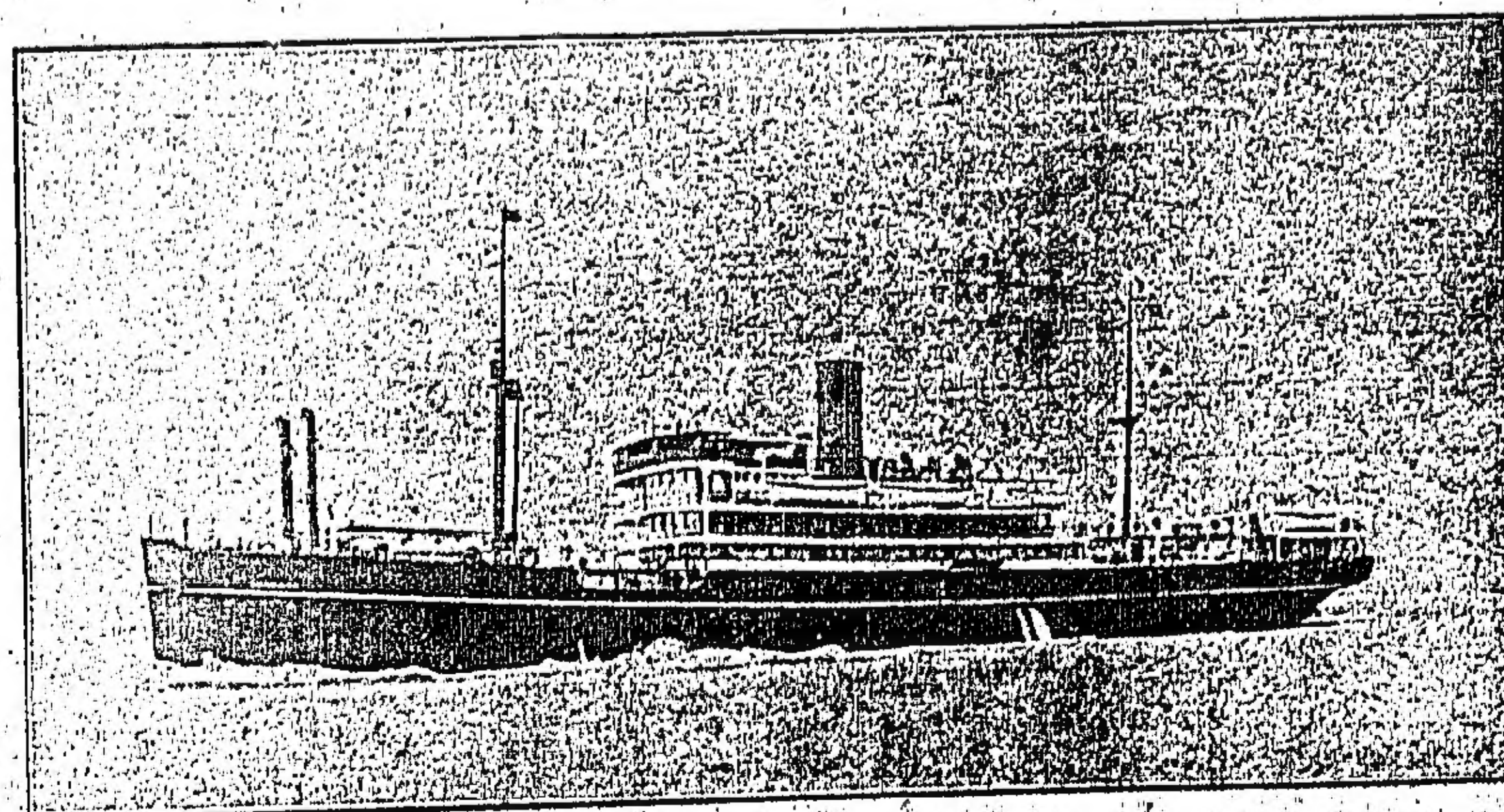
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which is regarded as one of the  
best of the Kwangsi units.

For the past few days they have  
been in camp at Wongsia, but  
orders have been issued that the  
force will entrain by the Yuoh-  
han trains for Shikwan very  
shortly, their ultimate destina-  
tion being southern Kiangsi,  
where they will join General Chien  
Ta-chun's army.

Over 12,000 Kwangsi troops  
have now joined the anti-Red ex-  
pedition, including the 5th, 6th  
and 7th Brigades, which are al-  
ready at the front.

The Red faction is still showing  
activity in the Shikwan district,  
and General Chien has doubled  
the garrison of the city, and the  
2nd Gendarmie Corps, the 31st  
Independent Battalion, together  
with two Kwangsi units have been  
ordered to Shikwan from Ying-  
tak and Kotong.—Nam Chung Pao.

## HOPEFUL SHANGHAI.

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Shanghai, June 1.  
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month there is a distinctly better  
feeling abroad in the markets.  
The ineffably silly May 30 anni-  
versary has come and gone with  
the usual foolishness, but criminal  
foolishness has been absent main-  
ly because it would have been  
speedily punished.

Beyond the general expectation  
that coming months will show an  
improvement, there is little to re-  
port.

## HANKOW GOVERNMENT.

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According to telegraphic ad-  
vices received in Shanghai from  
Hankow recently, Messrs. Hsu  
Chien and Teng Yen-ta have de-  
cided to remove the Wuhan na-  
tionalist government to Nan-  
chang. This step is necessitated  
by the action of General Hsia  
Tou-yin and General Liu Tso-lung  
in declaring against the commu-  
nists and sending troops to Wu-  
chang and Hankow.

The government has issued a  
proclamation dismissing General  
Hsia and General Liu for their  
alleged treason to the revolution-  
ary cause and offering a reward  
of \$200,000 each for the capture  
of the two anti-communist leaders.

Another report says that  
Messrs. Hsu and Teng have left  
for Nanchang with large sums of  
silver. It now appears that M.  
Borodin's trip to Nanchang is  
made for the purpose of looking  
for a suitable site for the Wuhan  
government and that reports of  
his going down river to Nanking  
to beg for a reconciliation with  
General Chiang Kai-shek are with-  
out foundation.

## PEAK TRAMWAYS.

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penses it was considered necessary  
to raise the price of monthly tickets  
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pons. These new rates came into  
force on May 1st last. It is esti-  
mated they will increase the traffic  
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lars annually.

I have no further remarks to  
make Gentlemen and I now formally  
propose that the report and state-  
ment of accounts as presented be  
passed. After this has been seconded  
I shall be pleased to answer, to  
the best of my ability, questions  
shareholders may have to ask.

Mr. F. W. Stapleton seconded  
and the report and accounts were  
adopted.

## Other Business.

The Chairman proposed the re-  
election of Mr. J. Scott Harston,  
Mr. A. S. Cubbay, Sir Robert Ho  
Tung and Mr. J. J. Patterson as  
directors. Mr. W. Morley seconded  
and the resolution was carried  
unanimously.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys proposed  
the re-election of Messrs. Lowe,  
Bingham and Matthews and  
Messrs. Linstead and Davis as au-  
ditors at a remuneration of \$250.  
Mr. S. F. Chubb seconded and the  
resolution was carried.

Secret preparations, writes a  
Home Air Correspondent, are be-  
ing made for a seaplane flight  
from England to Canada and  
back. The large craft, refuelling  
at the Azores, will be scheduled to  
reach Montreal within 48 hours  
of leaving England, and on the  
return trip a non-stop Atlantic  
flight will be attempted. In ad-  
dition to a couple of British pilots  
and a navigator, it is proposed to  
carry the first fare-paying Trans-  
atlantic aerial passenger. It was  
understood that \$5,000 has already  
been offered for the privilege of  
occupying the passenger's seat.

## IMPROVED FAMILIES.

NEED FOR BIRTH CONTROL.

A lively debate on birth control  
was one of the features of the  
closing session of the annual  
Council meetings of the Women's  
National Liberal Federation at  
Blackpool. Mr. Corbett-Ashby  
presided.

The question was raised on a  
motion in the name of Mrs. Spring  
Rice (Walthamstow) declaring  
that a national policy on such mat-  
ters as emigration and birth con-  
trol was urgently required, and  
stating that "while emigration can  
only be a temporary cure for over-  
population, and by its process of  
selection may be a danger to the  
country, scientific birth control  
provides a means of increasing the  
efficiency of the nation."

When Mrs. Spring Rice rose, a  
delegate inquired if she could  
move the previous question, but  
the Chairman said she could not.

## Responsible Parenthood.

Mrs. Spring Rice, moving the re-  
solution, suggested the time had  
come when Liberalism should  
bring into its political thought two  
very grave questions which had a  
profound effect on the population  
of the country. It was not for the  
good of the Empire that we should  
send our best young men and wo-  
men to the Dominions. (Hear,  
hear.) As to birth control, she  
wanted it to be associated, not with  
the limitation of families so much  
as with the improvement of fami-  
lies. (Cheers.)

Lady Acland seconded. The re-  
solution, she said, was a call from  
the womanhood of the nation to  
the nation to formulate a policy  
about their ever-present question  
of population. "We are bringing  
down the death-rate, and are ask-  
ing at the same time for a more  
responsible parenthood," she said.  
"There are people who are shocked  
that mothers should be able to  
choose how many children should  
be brought into this world. We  
can leave that to the generation  
who look upon population as can-  
non fodder. There is no doubt,"  
she continued, "that the great  
majority of married women do in  
some form or other practise birth  
control, but owing to lack of know-  
ledge it is not the most rational  
form."

Mrs. Richardson moved the pre-  
vious question, and Mrs. W. T.  
Layton seconded.

## Deep-Rooted Differences.

Mrs. Walter Runciman moved  
an amendment that—"Inasmuch  
as there is no general consensus  
of scientific opinion on the subject  
of birth control, and the question  
has given rise to deep-rooted dif-  
ferences of opinion on social,  
moral, and religious grounds, it is  
undesirable to include a pro-  
nouncement on the subject in the  
policy of this Council."

The amendment, said Mrs. Run-  
ciman, took the line that the ques-  
tion of birth control was a ques-  
tion for the individual. "The dis-  
cussion on so controversial a ques-  
tion, which is primarily a religious  
question, is most undesirable in a  
gathering of this kind," she added.  
"A healthy child is a better in-  
vestment than a motor car," said  
Mrs. Wynne (Tiverton), amid  
cheers, seconding. "There is no  
better education, no better bring-  
ing up, than to be a member of a  
large family." (Cheers.)

## Basis of Social Reform.

Other speakers who supported  
birth control included Miss Ida  
Samuel (London), a new member  
of the Executive, who claimed,  
amid laughter, that she was under  
30. She said people lived to be  
much older nowadays. "That is  
of great importance to people of  
my age," she said. "We feel al-  
most that people are living too long."  
(Laughter.) As they cannot be put  
to death—(laughter)—we can at  
least save people from being born  
in greater numbers than they ought  
to be; otherwise, we shall all have  
to starve in the streets." Birth  
control, she declared, was the  
basis of social reform.

The amendment was overwhelm-  
ingly defeated, and the resolu-  
tion adopted.

Without discussion, the Confer-  
ence then adopted a resolution de-  
claring that information should be  
available to those who asked for  
it at the centres controlled by the  
Ministry of Health, where the doc-  
tors were in possession of the  
medical history of the mothers,  
and knew to whom such infor-  
mation should be given, by this  
means enabling the poorest mem-  
bers of the community to obtain  
information to which the wealthier  
classes already have access.

This resolution was moved by  
Lady Howarth, and seconded by  
Mrs. Noton Barclay.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are answers to  
to-day's questions.

1. (a) Ceylon. (b) Tasmania. 2. St. Peter's  
in Rome. 3. From the class of horse by  
which they were drawn. 4. The city of Milan,  
formerly a famous centre for silks and velvets.  
5. Jupiter. 6. Redoubt, the Great. 7. 100.  
8. The Marquis of Exeter. 9. 100 miles; 1300.  
10. (a) Mistletoe, 56,251 tons. (b) Leviathan,  
53,951 tons. 11. Amazon, 4,000 miles; Nile,  
2,630 miles. 12. Remains found in 1850 in  
the Neanderthal Ravine, Eastern Prussia, sup-  
posed to date from 50,000 B.C. 13. 12 1/2 miles  
per second, but it travels more slowly in  
summer than in winter. 14. Lord Roseberry.  
15. Six feet. 16. The Washington Moni-  
ment, 555 1/2 feet.

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